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MARCH 26 PRIMARY RESULTS

(100 percent of precincts reporting)

ASSEMBLY, 14TH DISTRICT

Democrate		%
Aroner	15,644	27.45
Cheasty	6,744	11.83
Friedman	12,002	21.06
Rogers	12,696	22.28
Woodworth	9,900	17.37

Republicans		%
Sandy Muir	6,199	65.6
San Wallace	3,249	34.4

SENATE, 9TH DISTRICT

Campbell	40,166	39.9
Lee	60,554	60.1

CONGRESS

Dallums	67,248	85.1
Stewart	11,756	14.9

SUPERVISOR, 5TH DISTRICT

Keith Carson	32,974	66.2
Sandy Smith	16,821	33.7

BERKELEY-ALBANY MUNICIPAL COURT

Brosnahan	16,317	62.5
De Leon	9,763	37.4

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, #3

Iglehart	79,680	41.1
Miller	113,958	58.8

Aroner takes 14th Assembly District

Judge Brosnahan retains seat

By Will Harper

Term limits may have knocked Tom Bates off his perch in the Assembly, but the incumbent's influence was felt on election day as his anointed successor, Dion Louise Aroner, beat out four other Democrats for his seat.

Aroner, a longtime legislative aide to the veteran Berkeley lawmaker, won 3,000 more votes than her nearest competitor, "People's Lawyer" Jim Rogers. She won 27.5 percent of the vote in the crowded race.

Rogers, who blitzed voters with campaign mail in the weeks before the primary, performed well among absentee voters and in the Contra Costa area of the 14th Assembly District, but Aroner proved too strong in Alameda County.

The 14th Assembly District

stretches from North Oakland, through Berkeley, Richmond, and into San Pablo.

Rogers was closely followed by Mark Friedman, chief of staff to Supervisor Wilma Chan. Berkeley City Councilwoman Carla Woodworth, who raised the least amount of money, came in fourth with 17.3 percent of the vote. Former Albany Mayor Robert Cheasty finished last.

Tuesday's election was the culmination of a grueling year-long campaign in which the five candidates raised a combined total of nearly \$1 million.

But money wasn't necessarily the determining factor in the race, said local political consultant Dave Davis, who worked for Cheasty. Through March 14, Cheasty was the bread-winner in the race, boasting a \$290,000 campaign war chest.

Davis said Aroner benefitted from having Bates's support and a simple campaign message. "The decision-making process was simplified to vote for a woman who works for Tom Bates and lives in Alameda County," Davis said.

Bates, who was first elected to the Assembly in 1976, is being forced to retire in November because of term limits. Davis said while term limits may have eliminated the incumbent, the power of incumbency still influenced the election.

"In the absence of an issue or a charismatic candidate, clearly name recognition and connection to the incumbent are very powerful ingredients to success," Davis said.

Because the district is overwhelmingly Democratic, Tuesday's primary likely decided who will replace Bates in November.

In the Republican district primary, UC Berkeley professor William King won.

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An elated Dion Aroner celebrated her win Tuesday night at her campaign headquarters.

EC residents lament middle school impact

By Dawn Frasier

The Albany Unified School District held a neighborhood meeting Monday night to address traffic concerns prompted by proposed plans for a new Albany Middle School. The fact that the district did not notify El Cerrito residents in the immediate area illustrates some of the concerns held by El Cerrito officials and residents alike.

The new middle school will be built at Brighton and Spokane avenues on a site formerly owned by the Hill Lumber company. A narrow portion of the site actually lies within the city of El Cerrito. More significantly, however, Spokane Avenue becomes El Cerrito's Behrens Street just a few doors north of the school. Neighbors have significant concerns about parking and traffic impacts.

They also believe those impacts are not yet being addressed by the school district.

Behrens Street resident Diane Howell Friis attended the meeting and saw at least eight or nine of her neighbors there. They had been notified of the meeting by City Planner Ed Phillips who photocopied and mailed out his own copy of the meeting notice.

According to Phillips, the district has not yet a determination whether it will undertake a full Environmental Impact study on the project or will make a negative declaration that no significant impacts are expected. (A "mitigated negative declaration" is also allowed under state law; it states that certain mitigations will be undertaken to ensure that no significant negative impacts are created.)

The district has, however, hired a project traffic consultant to undertake a preliminary study of the situation.

"In the traffic study, they assumed our issues did not exist," said Friis, who wrote a letter to the city of El Cerrito March 7 outlining a number of neighborhood concerns.

"Several of us really voiced our concerns," she said. "I voiced some of the same things I mentioned in the letter: the congestion that exists already and the fact that students from the Richmond area, as well as people going to BART and the freeway will be travelling up and down Behrens.

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Council delays ordinance

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — In response to a citizens' initiative locking rules for appointment, terms and removal of advisory committee and commission members into the charter, the City Council at its second March meeting considered an ordinance recommended by the Charter Review Committee revising the rules in the Municipal Code.

Initiative supporters, however, were not buying key provisions in the revised ordinance and the council asked Charter Review to make further changes.

The questions debated were whether appointment and removal procedures are best set by charter or ordinance, the ramifications of including removal "for cause," the role of politics in the whole process and whether appointments should be made by individual councilmembers or by the whole council by nomination.

"Thank you for tossing us this political hot potato," Charter Review Chair Tony Caine said. The issue came up as a result of the recent "large-scale appointee downsizing operation," he said, referring to Councilmember Elizabeth Baker's request last fall that all of her appointees resign.

"Do we have a structural defect or a momentary problem? The present system has given us a maximum diversity of opinion by a cross-section of the community. I question if we have a structural problem."

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Albany High School sophomore Katherine Winkelstein-Duveneck cast her vote at last Thursday's mock election.

High school students get out the vote

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — A mock primary election, held at Albany High and MacGregor Alternate High by the Berkeley Albany Emeryville League of Women Voters, brought 77 percent of the 368 students who were registered to vote to the polls last Thursday.

The first-time student election, part of a national League program, was held at Berkeley High, Berkeley West

Campus and in Emeryville as well as Albany with an overall turnout of 74 percent.

"The election was a tremendous success. It was a lot of work with a big payoff. The kids were very thoughtful in making their choices," said League member Jean Safir, co-coordinator with Karen Carlson-Olson. Class discussion on the issues was led by Albany High social studies teacher Karen Fisher.

In the presidential race, President

Clinton swept the ticket with 137 votes by Albany students. Senator Robert Dole received 8 of the 13 Republican votes cast, with nine names on the ballot. Four candidates split the 43 votes cast for Peace and Freedom Party; 14 went for Ralph Nader, Green Party candidate; and 18 for Natural Law candidate Hegelin.

Congressman Ron Dellums, a Democrat, received 99 votes, Randal

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Officials, volunteers get their feet wet

The mayors of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Richmond were joined by East Bay Regional Park District Boardmember Jean Siri for a special event A Day at the Creek on Saturday, March 23.

The event was part of a regional effort by the Joint Watershed Goals Agreement, drafted by Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, to restore creek corridors, eliminate creek

pollution, and improve public support for creating healthier watersheds.

Saturday's cleanup event was held at El Cerrito's Creekside Park along Cerrito Creek which traverses each of the four cities.

"It is a good place to draw an example of how municipal and political boundaries really don't have anything to do with how the natural environment needs to be managed to restore our creeks and watersheds," Brodsky said.

"When the city of Walnut Creek restored its creek, the businesses fronting the creek reversed their position and now diners sit overlooking the creek," said Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin in a

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UC Berkeley student Shelly Stewart sifted through creek waters.

Slow progress for UC Village rehab

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Plans to renovate University Village and possibly install some businesses at the site are moving along at a snail's pace, but they are moving along, say UC Berkeley officials.

If all goes well, a complete renovation of the 90-acre student housing complex, which is home to approximately 2,700 students and their families, could begin in 1998 and last 14 to 18 months, depending on how soon funding for the project becomes available. One idea being kicked around is that of allowing some businesses to be developed along the San Pablo Avenue side of the complex, which would not only

help fund renovation but would offset some of the more than \$200,000 a year the city contributes in fire, police and emergency medical services without receiving property tax.

"We've always been looking at mixed-use development to subsidize construction," said Harry Le Grand, UC director of housing and dining. According to Le Grand, the main problem holding up renovation of the complex, which is for the most part financially self-supporting, is the fact that low rents on the apartments make it difficult to accumulate the money for planning and construction.

As is, rent for a one bedroom apartment is \$316, while students

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Back when getting a drink was an adventure

Casting about for memories of the past, it occurred to me that you might enjoy going with me to a speak-easy—a blind pig—an illegal house where you could get a drink during the Nobel Experiment called Prohibition. Okay, I know you don't drink, so I'll buy you a Coca-Cola; you could buy soft drinks in Blind Tigers, too. They used them as mixers to make the rot-gut booze more tasty.

Mind you, I'm not talking about taking you to a fancy hotel where they would ignore the bottle you brought with you and put under the table, paid a cover charge, and ordered nonalcoholic mixers. We're going to a real, run-of-the-still, probably well "protected," gin mill that was in business to provide merchandise in great demand. What is Kaiser's slogan on its concrete dump trucks? "Find a need; fill it."

We'll be greeted by a big, rough-and-ready guy talking to us through a small door in the eye-level area of the big entry door. He'll just say the equivalent of "hi" and wait for us to say something. (One place in Emeryville had the second story over hang in the front about a foot, and you were greeted through a sliding opening in the overhang.)

If you had been there before, you mentioned your last name and a number, usually the month and date of your birth, which

Remembering When

By Bill Paul



was supposed to have been recorded in their little black book. If you hadn't been there before, you would do well to go with someone who had because the small door would be closed while the guy inside would presumably check you out before opening the big door. However, during the last year or so of Prohibition, things got pretty lax and you could probably talk your way in.

They never asked for the year of your birth. What the hell, they were breaking the law anyway so why not sell to minors?

A few places had real, honest-to-gosh bars with brass rails, bartenders dressed like bartenders, and all the trimmings, but most were pretty plain. They had a small bar but some tables and chairs. I was never in one that had cocktail waitresses but I saw a few B-girls like the ones you can see in today's less respectable ones.

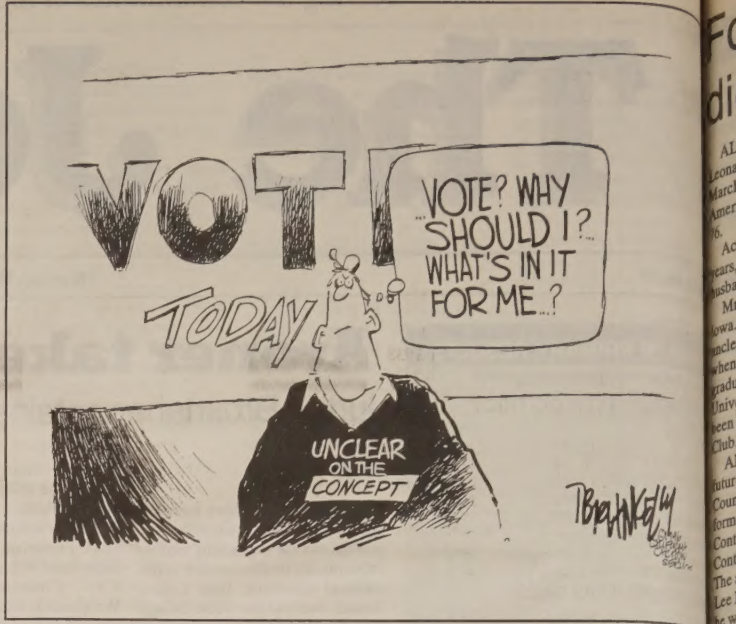
Now, what to order. You would do well not to order something fancy like a Sidecar, or Pink Lady. After all, they just got their booze off the boat and it probably fit the claim: they scraped it off the side. All they had to offer, really, was what passed for whisky (bourbon) or whisky (scotch), which jokesters claimed was bourbon with

sheep-dip in it. Some of it might have been. They also had gin, which was easy to make: cut some raw alcohol, add juniper extract which you could buy legally, shake it, count to 10 to age it, and there you were—gin.

I never heard of bootleggers bothering to bring in the more flavorful liqueurs so I assume the speaks couldn't get them. And anyway, people didn't go there to drink; they just wanted to get high. So you'd better order scotch or bourbon or gin, either straight or with a mixer, and don't rile the barkeep with details—he was probably one of the bouncers.

Most, if not all, of the bar owners were pretty good merchandisers. Every third drink was on the house so hardly anyone stopped at two. And after you've had three it would be easier to have the fourth, and possibly the fifth because there's always No. 6, which would be free, etc.

The second speak-easy I went to as part of a wedding party, I was ignorant enough to call for boilermakers (a shot of bourbon with a beer chaser) for my first two drinks. And quite frankly, my memories of the remainder of that evening are quite fuzzy so I'm going to suggest that we go home now, before you start feeling the same way.



Police Reports

Two juveniles accused in rape at group home

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A 10-year-old girl was forcibly raped at a group home in El Cerrito between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. March 17. Two older male juveniles, residents of Richmond, are accused of the crime.

• Just Cheap Gas was robbed at 6:30 a.m. March 15. The thief pointed a gun at a clerk and demanded cash; the suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 23 years of age, 5-feet 7-inches to 5-feet 10-inches tall, weighing about 150 pounds and wearing a maroon coat and black pants.

• A Glen Mawr Avenue resident (6700 block) was robbed in front of her home at about 12:25 a.m. March 16. The thief slapped her in the face, then grabbed her purse and fled on foot. He is described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, about 5-feet 7-inches tall and 160 pounds, wearing a blue T-shirt and dark pants.

• Three male suspects, older youth, are suspected of cruelty to animals. They were seen manhandling a cat in the 300 block of Pomona Avenue.

• An El Cerrito man was arrested for striking a male juvenile victim in the head with a metal pipe at Central and Yolo at about 8:58 p.m. March 12.

• A citizen reported that he saw a male juvenile apparently carrying a handgun in a bag while walking on the BART path between Manila and Potrero at 3:19 p.m. March 14.

• Eight arrests were made for driving under the influence. A Berkeley man was arrested at Cutting Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue at 3:30 a.m. March 17. He is accused of striking the officer with his hands and resisting arrest. A Richmond man was arrested for driving under the influence after an accident in the 5500 block of Macdonald Avenue at about 6 p.m. March 18.

Also arrested were a Richmond man at San Pablo and Blake at 4 a.m. March 16, an Oakland man at San Pablo and Central at 2:45 a.m. March 17, an Oakland man at San Pablo and Potrero at 1:50 a.m. March 15, an El Cerrito man on San Pablo, between Ohio and Cutting, at 12:50 a.m. March 20 and a Richmond woman at Cutting and San Pablo at 2:30 a.m. March 20.

• One domestic incident was reported.

• An attempted burglary was reported in the 700 block of Seaview Drive between March 10 and 17. Someone apparently used a screwdriver or similar tool to pry open a side window and rear residential double door.

• An El Sobrante male juvenile was stopped at Yolo north of Central at 8:58 p.m. March 12. He is accused of being under the influence, being combative and resisting arrest.

• Two cases of residential vandalism were reported. Two juvenile males, residents of El Cerrito and Richmond, were arrested in the 900 block of Kearney. They are accused of kicking open a locked storage shed and shooting out an outdoor porch light with a BB or pellet gun at about 10:20 a.m. March 12.

• A cat ladder was broken away from a window in the 200 block of Carmel between March 16 and 17, causing minor damage.

• A San Pablo man was arrested at Peerless and Cutting Boulevard for possession of methamphetamines at about 1:40 a.m. March 18.

• A Benicia woman was arrested for possession of methamphetamines in the 1900 block of Downey Place at 2:46 a.m. March 14.

• A third arrest was made for possession of methamphetamines, and of a hypodermic needle, at Norvell and Central at 2:57 a.m. March 7.

• Bikes were reported from a backyard in the 1000 block of Everett Street between March 13 and 14, a workplace between the 11300 block of San Pablo Avenue at 5:30 p.m. March 13 (male suspects were seen in the garage in the 1400 block of Road on the afternoon of March 10).

• Six auto burglaries were reported. Cellular phones were stolen from vehicles parked in the block of Kearney on the afternoon of March 6, the block of Park Way and the block of Everett between February and March 1.

Tools were taken from a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Everett during the early morning hours March 8; an indash and backpack were taken from a vehicle parked in the 2300 block of Carquinez during the night of March 16.

In the 7100 block of Park someone rifled the glove box bags inside a vehicle but took two pairs of sunglasses during the night of March 6.

• A rear license plate was removed from a vehicle parked in the 5700 block of El Donato the evening of March 7; a piece of a rear bumper was taken from a vehicle in the 2000 block of Union between March 10 and 11.

• Someone pushed a shopping cart into a parked vehicle in Cerrito Plaza, damaging a front fender; the incident occurred between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. March 17.

• Shoplifters were arrested: Kit & Caboodle (an El Cerrito male juvenile), Lucky, San Pablo Avenue (an El Cerrito male juvenile), and at Target (a San Pablo man, a San Pablo woman, and a land man).

• Four bikes, including a bicycle, and a box of vinyl records were turned in to the lost found.

• Five group runaways were reported.

Two juveniles sought in Albany bicycle theft

By K. Osborn

ALBANY —On the afternoon of March 21 a 13-year-old Albany boy reported that while riding his bike from school a person he described as an Hispanic male, 14 to 15 years old, 5-feet 9-inches tall, weighing 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes wearing a large light blue waist length jacket and black pants, grabbed the handle bar of his bike and demanded the Albany boy give it up. The Albany boy refused and the subject fled the area.

• Between 6 p.m. on March 16 and 9 a.m. on March 17 thieves broke into a camper parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street, stole various tools and departed unseen.

• An Oakland woman was stopped on the afternoon of March 17 for a minor traffic violation and was found to have numerous outstanding warrants for Oakland and Alameda County totaling \$1,227, including a "No Bail" warrant. She was arrested, booked and transported to the Berkeley jail.

• On the evening of March 17

a man on Jackson Street reported that two dogs had attacked and seriously injured his cat. Police found the cat lying motionless and another Albany man there with two dogs, one on a leash and one running free. The owner of the cat was going to take the cat to the veterinarian and was not going to press charges but did want the dog owner to pay for the vet bills. The dog owner was cited for having a dog off leash on a public street.

• Thieves pried the pad lock off a garage, stole numerous tools and fled unseen during the early morning hours of March 18.

• On the night of March 18 thieves broke into a residence on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue, prowled the house, stole various items and departed unseen.

• A 10-year-old Albany boy reported that on the afternoon of March 19 two teenage boys stole his bike from him while he was on the 900 block of Santa Fe Avenue. He described one of the thieves as an Asian male, 16 to 17 years old, 5-feet 7-inches tall, weighing 150 pounds wearing black jeans and a

white and green checked shirt described the second thief as a black male, 16 to 17 years old, 5-feet 7-inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, wearing a black T-shirt and black jeans. Police are investigating.

• On the afternoon of March 18 vandals punctured the tires of cars parked on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

• On the morning of March 19 thieves stole the left rear tire from a car parked on the block of Evelyn Avenue. There were no witnesses.

• On the afternoon of March 19 thieves stole a bike from the porch of a business on the block of Solano Avenue. There were no witnesses.

• On the morning of March 20 thieves broke into a restaurant in the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue, contacted a messy person, stole numerous items of value and departed unseen.

• During the early morning hours of March 22 thieves stole a car parked on the 500 block of...

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Letters to the Editor

A job well done

Editor:
This is an open thank-you note to Robert Zweben, Albany City Attorney, for his recent efforts to redirect the litigation zeal of those, outside of Albany, who have been encouraged to join and support an expensive anti-classroom lawsuit.

Robert has recently been criticized for informally presenting the city's case before the Sierra Club and various Berkeley neighborhood groups. These critics want to know who is paying for these activities. The answer is, I am and so are the other taxpayers in this city because it is the City Attorney's job to defend the decisions of the town's voters and elected officials.

I would much rather pay an attorney to expend effort preventing litigation than pay the greater cost of fighting the frivolous lawsuit fostered by our neighbors, Jerri Holan, John Shively, Suzanne Murphy, and the others who inappropriately call themselves Citizens for Responsible Government. Happily, the Sierra Club has declined to join CRG's appeal of the Superior Court decision favoring the city. I am certain that Robert's efforts were responsible, at least in part, for this result.

Anne Haden
Albany

Making art accessible

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Albany Arts Committee Members:

I want to thank all of you for your outstanding efforts in support of Albany art and artists. Your commitment to bringing to the people of Albany a sampling of local artwork through exhibitions at the Foyer Gallery in the Library-Community Center on Marin Avenue is truly commendable.

More specifically, I want to thank Alison Barone for her diligence in arranging the current exhibition of my pastels and for the reception details, her husband Larry Barone and Karen Nelson for preparing and hanging the artwork, Polly Reifeld for publicizing the show in local

newspapers, Evan Flavell for his guitar music during the reception, and Tanna Bellia for her general assistance.

And these hard-working volunteers inspire others: Elizabeth Vahlsing, whose art was shown at the gallery in the last show, helped with the reception and is inspiring me to do the same for the next artist.

Again, my thanks to such great volunteers!

Trudy Vilaska
Albany

P.S. Note to civic leaders: The Foyer Gallery lives up to its expectations for promoting understanding and appreciation of Albany art. It's well-appointed, -lighted, and -located.

Take a stand on tax reform

Editor:
El Cerrito's city government has just announced a series of neighborhood meetings "to develop a response to a potential financial crisis," resulting from the closing of the Plaza Emporium and a state Supreme Court decision against local tax-raising.

At the same time, the California Tax Reform Association is leading a statewide coalition, including the California Congress of Seniors, to collect signatures for an initiative to stop an \$800 million a year income tax cut for the wealthiest 1.2 percent of state taxpayers. The "Local Control and Fiscal Responsibility Act" would restore an estimated \$13 million to Contra Costa county and city governments.

The ballot initiative will also help put tax issues back into the political debate and thus address the growing general inequality of wealth. Preliminary polling suggests that voters, regardless of party, will support the initiative.

For more information and participation, please contact the California Tax Reform Association/Tax Justice" campaign office at 415-284-7529; fax 800-325-1867; P.O. Box 460213, San Francisco 94146.

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Former mayor dies at sea

ALBANY — Former councilmember and mayor Leonard Lee Keck died unexpectedly but peacefully March 17 while on a world cruise about the Holland American Rotterdam ship in the Indian Ocean. He was 76.

Accompanying him on the cruise was his wife of 53 years, Marjorie, and his sister, LouAnn Frey and her husband, Merle, of Kansas City, Kan.

Mr. Keck was born Dec. 31, 1919 in Signourney, Iowa. Assisting his birth in his family home was his uncle, Dr. Will Keck. The family moved to Berkeley when Mr. Keck was 3 years old. He was a 1938 graduate of Berkeley High School and attended the University of San Francisco. He and his wife have both been active in the University of California Alumni Club.

Always interested and concerned with Albany's future, Mr. Keck was elected to the Albany City Council in 1956, serving a full four year term. He was former president of the Rental Housing Authority of Contra Costa County and a long time member of the Contra Costa County Apartment Owners Association. The association presented him with the first "Leonard Lee Keck Award for Excellence in Service" for which he was very proud.

Other local activities Mr. Keck helped lead were Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the pancake chef every year for the AFS Pancake Breakfast, just to name three. He held veteran's status with the Merchant Marines. His ship was headed for Pearl Harbor and was 200 miles out when the harbor was bombed. The ship was rerouted to Oregon.

Mr. Keck will be missed by those who remember his high energy and willingness to help his friends and neighbors. He was generous with his repair work for neighbors. He installed dishwashers and repaired problems both inside and outside homes for those who



Leonard Lee Keck

could not physically do it themselves.

He loved to travel. Often, he and his Aunt Grace Hasty and wife Marjorie would take extended trips, his favorite was to visit Hawaii.

Mr. Keck is also survived by his loving children Gary Keck and his wife, Edie, of San Jose; Carol M. Meyer and her husband, Michael, of Los Altos Hills; JoAnn K. Connor and her husband, James, of Albany and Dr. Kevin W. Keck and his wife, Gail, of Sacramento. Grandchildren include Kenneth and Mark Honer, Kevin and Danielle Meyer, Stephanie, Michelle, Phillip, Brian and Laura Keck. Also, many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 30, at 11:30 a.m. at the North Brae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, in Berkeley. Reverend Phillip Kears of the Albany United Methodist Church will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Cardiovascular Research Center, Stanford University, 770 Welch Road, No. 400, Palo Alto, Ca. 94304.

FBI investigating vandalism on Albany railroad tracks

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — A series of attempted vandalism on the Southern Pacific railroad tracks which could have potentially caused a life-threatening train derailment are currently under investigation by railroad police and the FBI.

Three times this year metal and wood debris have been intentionally placed on the Southern Pacific railroad tracks in Albany, creating a threat of train derailment serious enough to involve the FBI. The latest incident, which occurred on March 4, involved two five-foot long metal pipes wedged into the tracks so that they pointed directly toward oncoming trains.

Southern Pacific police are for the most part keeping quiet about the incidents while they are under investigation, although they do acknowledge that the potential for disaster is there.

"Any time anybody places anything on the tracks it has the potential to derail a train," said John Allen, chief special agent for the Southern Pacific police.

It is a misdemeanor in itself to even be on the tracks, said Allen, let alone to vandalize them. If a train were derailed and people killed, the punishment could po-

tentially run as high as the death penalty.

The latest incident was discovered at approximately 6:20 a.m. on March 4 when Michael Thornton, a 37-year-old Vallejo man who works in Albany at Western Forge and Flange, looked out the back door of his workplace and saw two whitish metal pipes jutting from the tracks in the early morning darkness, aimed toward oncoming train traffic.

Thornton, who had already been questioned by Southern Pacific police about whether he had witnessed any previous suspicious activity, immediately called Albany police, who arrived within minutes to remove the obstructions.

"I just happened to look out the back door and see the pipes," said Thornton. "I knew it wasn't right."

The pipes were approximately 5-feet long and 3-inches thick, said Thornton, and were covered with a whitish gray rust. They were wedged into a section of track where passenger trains come roaring through at speeds as high as 60 mph.

"They just shoot through here," said Thornton, who added that if a train were to derail near his workplace "you could kiss this and a few other buildings goodbye."

Thornton said that he and his fellow employees often observe homeless people walking up and down the tracks, but that no one had seen any suspicious activity before.

Southern Pacific police for the most part refused to discuss the incidents in any detail, citing the ongoing investigation. Allen, however, did say that a slower moving freight train struck one of the obstructions, which was made of wood, forcing it to stop and causing some minor damage to the train. He would not say whether there were any suspects in the case, although he did acknowledge that the FBI was involved.

Amtrak passenger trains run through Albany at speeds as high as 60 mph, while freight trains run at a slower 40 mph maximum. It is a misdemeanor to walk on the tracks, which Southern Pacific police do patrol. Violators could potentially be cited and even arrested for trespassing.

Southern Pacific spokesman Mike Furtney was also keeping fairly quiet about the incidents, saying only that there was no way to know whether or not the pipes could have caused a derailment.

"We're happy not to have to find out," he said.

Newsline

Time for Round-Up

EL CERRITO — Time is running out for those in El Cerrito who wish to participate in the Chamber of Commerce's city-wide spring business promotion.

The Spring '96 Round-Up Sale Days has been scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25, 26, and 27. Promoting this event will be a special advertising/news supplement to be distributed in Family Fair, The Journal and The Berkeley Voice.

Those wishing to do so may advertise in the supplement by contacting Bill Slenker at Family Fair by calling 237-7777.

Part of the money collected for advertising will be rebated to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce to finance the organization's business

promotion efforts throughout the year.

School benefit

EL CERRITO — The Silent and Live Auction benefit fund-raiser for Madera Elementary School PTA will be held Saturday, March 30, 7 p.m. to midnight, at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Great ambience will include complimentary hot and cold buffet, wine and fruit punch, espresso bar, homemade desserts, and door prizes, with live jazz featured.

Advance tickets are \$14; send check to "Madera PTA," Auction ticket sales, 8500 Madera Drive, El Cerrito 94530; or at the door, \$18. Mailing deadline is Tuesday, March 26. Call 232-9004 for more information.

Earthquake news

Block captains are reminded of the EQPP meeting this Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center. Tips, strategies, and specific scenarios relating to the April 20 citywide Earthquake Drill will be discussed.

Additional handouts and drill preparation materials will be available.

Retired teachers meet

The April meeting of West Contra Costa Division 58 of the California Retired Teachers Association will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Avenue, Richmond. The luncheon at noon will be followed by a program.

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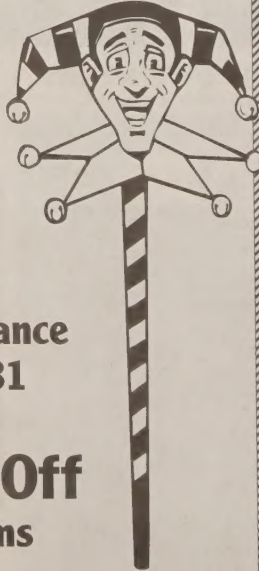
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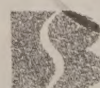
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Time to turn the tables

By Ronnie Davis

The tables are turned in an apartment high on Albany Hill with a fog-obscured view of San Francisco and Marin. The interviewee is Clara-Rae Genser, long time community activist, accomplished singer and writer of this weekly *Community Folk* column. It is Clara-Rae's turn to talk about her own life, and what a rich and full life it is!

Clara-Rae grew up in Los Angeles. She reminisces that even though she thought of herself as a shy child, "a mouse," she managed to belt out a song at a Saturday matinee talent show that caused a crowd to "go wild." She then joined a troupe that sang and danced in all the different Los Angeles theaters. She remembers two young teachers in junior high that influenced her life directions: one was the director of the glee club and the other, the advisor of the school newspaper.

Clara-Rae's political concerns began early as well. After high school she worked with Melvin Douglas and Helen Gahagan in the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League. She abandoned a promising career in business management and, "always a maverick," joined the Armed Services during World War II. Clara-Rae remembers the wonderful experience of entertaining at factories and industrial sites, "singing from the back of a truck with three musicians who, in private life, played with the Big Bands" and encouraging the purchase of war bonds. She met her "ultimate" husband Joe in the service and they decided to live in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Clara-Rae and Joe settled into public housing in Richmond and began to involve themselves in the social and political life of the community. "It was an exciting and wonderful time. We fell in love with all the problems."

Clara-Rae and Joe worked as a team with Bert Coffee and other politicians behind the scenes

in many campaigns, including those of George Miller, Jr., father of Congressman George Miller. They moved to El Cerrito and their home was often used for fundraising dinners, parties and political meetings. Clara-Rae proudly remembers working to elect George Carroll, one of the first black judges in California, and the strengthening of the Black community during the civil rights movement.

"Everything was falling into place with great difficulty," she remarks about those days. She was a member of the State Democratic Central Committee, on the auxiliary of the City of Hope, helped establish libraries in the elementary schools (working with Jean Siri and other women), has been on "more committees and boards than I can remember," went back to college and raised three children!

When Joe died in 1972 at the young age of 55, Clara-Rae was asked by Assemblyman John Knox if she would be willing to work in his district office. Clara-Rae, Peggy Coffee and Clarice Williams were the energetic local team that represented the well-respected Assemblyman at civic events and helped his constituents solve problems. "We were always dealing with people who fell through the cracks," Clara-Rae retired when Assemblyman Knox did.

Clara-Rae says that her retirement years consist of her column, travel, and her daily swim. "Everything else is icing on the cake." She began her first column about people for the *West County Independent* at the urging of Warren Brown, who told her, "You know everyone, everywhere." She has written a weekly column for all the incarnations of the local paper for almost 20 years. Ironically, the current *Journal* is now owned by Chip Brown, Warren's son.

Clara-Rae has a loyal following of readers as well as interviewees who appreciate Clara-Rae's influence in the

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



publicity of their good causes and her sensitive and kind journalistic style. Clara-Rae talks enthusiastically about the "community folk" she has had the pleasure of talking with and proudly shows off a wooden donkey given to her by a woodworker interviewed in a recent column.

As for traveling, Clara-Rae admits that she will go anywhere "at the drop of a suggestion." In recent years she has visited Costa Rica, Laos and Cambodia, and Russia by ship. In the spring she is planning a trip to Northern Italy. She often studies with Elderhostel, combining travel with education. The "sheer joy" of travel is meeting the people. In order to meet people and have adventures, she walks a lot and "takes chances." Readers are often treated to wonderful travel stories through her columns.

So, what about the "icing on the cake?" Clara-Rae continues her musical interests by singing in the Berkeley Women's Chorus, the Yiddish Folk Chorus, and the Temple Beth Hillel Choir. She is a supporter of the East Bay League of the San Francisco Symphony, works at the Souper Center, which is part of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (was on the Board) and continues to volunteer at the Richmond Museum. Clara-Rae just became President of the Friends of the Albany Library after serving as Vice-President for four years. She founded and continues to maintain (with Jeanne Perkins) a

highly successful on-going booksale in the Library which features 30-40 titles weekly and sells out continually.

As I prepare to leave her apartment, Clara-Rae proudly shows me pictures of her children and grandchildren and we admire a framed painting by her grandson Joseph. A travel wall holds treasures from her trips. Clara-Rae adds that she collects birds and kaleidoscopes. As an afterthought, she shows me an impressive collection of sheet music housed in a beautifully finished wooden file.

I have a sense of the enjoyment that Clara-Rae feels after interviewing a talented and accomplished person. I had known Clara-Rae through the Friends of the Library but had never heard her life story. Clara-Rae remarks that it was fun to talk about herself for a change. I know her readers will find her as fascinating as any of the community folk profiled in her columns.

Ronnie Davis, who wrote this very flattering portrait, is the managing librarian of our Albany Library. I think a new career is opening for her.

Ronnie is the second person who wanted to do this. The first conducted an interview—and was never heard from again. Ronnie is braver than that.

And, as always, I ask for your suggestions: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94705 or call 525-4585.

Albany library wins grant

ALBANY — The Library was one of four Alameda County libraries recently selected to receive an InfoPeople grant from the California State Library. As a result, the library will receive a Pentium 100 and the

software necessary to provide graphical Internet access. Under terms of the grant, staff and a community representative will be trained on the system in April, after which the workstation will be open to the public.

Solano Avenue Association News

By Lisa Bullwinkel
Executive Director

New Stores???

We need some community input! We want to know what types of businesses you would like to see on Solano Avenue. Active recruiting for small businesses takes much work but, with your help, we may be able to get some new and interesting stores on the Avenue. A few suggestions have been: organic produce and health food, pasta shop, hardware, kids' and adults' shoes, stereo equipment and a microbrewery. Any ideas? Give us a call: 527-5358.

Last Banner-Painting Workshops

Last few weeks to paint a banner for the Spring series on Solano Avenue. This is great

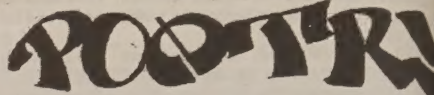
fun! Our Board of Directors had a great time painting at the workshops being sponsored by Carole Fitzgerald. We hope to have the banners all up by mid-April, so hurry!

Upper Solano Clean-up

Sponsored by the City of Berkeley and the Solano Avenue Association, the upper Solano will be getting a clean-up on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Although the city will provide trees, flowers, brushes, the community will put the labor into this effort. Merchants and residents are encouraged to participate. Peet's is providing Noah's, the bagels, and the city is giving a T-shirt to all who participate, including kids.

So meet at 8:30 a.m. at the intersection of Andronico's ready to go



Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence, Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

River rapid, River rapid
Why do you look so clear?
—Chase Henriksen
2nd grade
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when the light is off
I can feel the roof above me
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—Mao Mao Zhu
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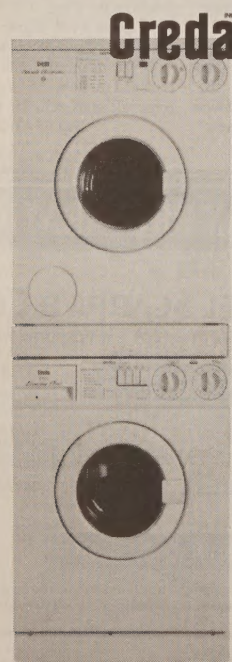
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Their breath which reaches
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I see baby girls with their
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space and lice infested
I do not see Italy
But Italy sees me
I see work, brick walls
n' roll bands
Teen age angst
I do not see cooperation
I see efforts
And I do not see the
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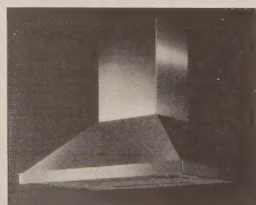
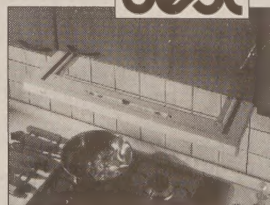
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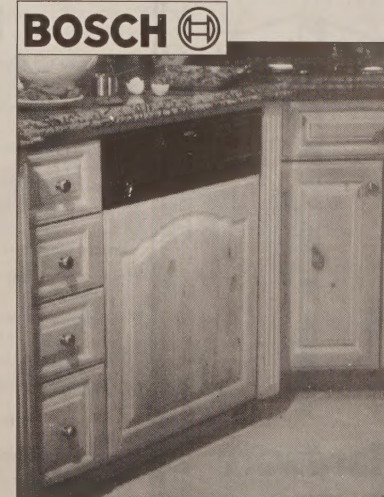
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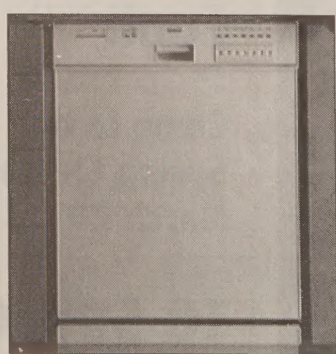
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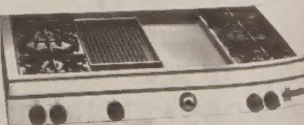
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Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

Spring break is coming soon, from April 8-12 in the Albany schools.

This week you may notice children walking, skipping, and jumping home from elementary and middle schools earlier than usual because of parent conferences.

Meetings this week

Help with a Teenager's problems: Albany Prevention council sponsors a meeting

tonight, March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Titled "Today's Teens: What's a Parent to Do?" the meeting will feature a panel of parents who will discuss their teenager's problems, focusing on solutions within the community.

Childcare is available. Space is limited.

Please call Kathy at 559-6670 to make a reservation.

AMS Meeting postponed: The Albany Middle School PTA will hold its April meeting on April 18 instead of April 4.

At the April meeting members will elect officers for next year.

Belated NetDay thanks to Mechanics Bank and to Mr. George Chin of State Farm Insurance for their contributions towards purchasing the Albany School District cable kits.

Gardeners grow a rich history in EC

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Members of the El Cerrito Garden Club celebrated the club's 40th anniversary recently. Many of the founding members remain active members of the club, which has been responsible for a number of civic improvements around El Cerrito, as well as for increasing its members' knowledge and expertise in creating their own private gardens, also an enhancement to the community.

Charter members kicked off the anniversary party by modelling appropriate "fashions of 1956 gardeners," from pedal pushers to aprons and garden gloves. Barbara Dahlberg also wore some striking garden tool earrings, though commentator Dee Pruyn noted those probably wouldn't have been available in the mid-'50s.

Other charter member participants in the fashion show were Georgia Brumbaugh, Margaret Hervet, Oleta Hord, Betty Johnson, Ada May Sipe, Jewel Smith, and Doreen Spellman. ("Doreen had the youngest children among the founders of the El Cerrito Garden Club," said Pruyn. "She was never seen without a stroller with a kid in it.")

Hord later commented on the fact that her family's choice to remain in El Cerrito all those years, rather than moving for other kinds of job opportunities, had been a deliberate one. She places great value on the friendships she's now



Aldean Hom, whose Garden Arts and Crafts Group created the displays, and Kay Riddell, club president.

been able to enjoy for over 40 years.

Brumbaugh followed the parade with a short history of the club. She and co-founder Betty Johnson lived next door to each other on Seaview Drive in 1953 and became good friends. The whole neighborhood got together for coffee in the mornings.

Brumbaugh then moved four blocks away, remaining on Seaview, but all that move did was to enlarge their circle of friendship.

"We all needed something to teach us what to do in our gardens," said Brumbaugh. "We wanted to make them attractive and got 20 members together from the new and old neighborhoods."

Brumbaugh and Johnson had first checked out the possibility of joining the Berkeley Garden Club; they found, however, that membership was limited to 100 persons, and it was already filled.

"We called ourselves the 'Seaview Spaders' and had meetings in different homes," she went

on to say. "We planned speakers for our morning meetings a year ahead; a babysitter watched 10 or 12 children in another home."

As the club grew larger, it needed more space. With space in the old El Cerrito Girls Club building available on Norvell Street, the club was set for a time; when the city sold it, the members had to move to Casa Cerrito, a bit crowded for their needs.

With the construction of the El Cerrito Community Center, they found the space they needed for their growing organization.

The rent, though, was high for the membership to handle. They started to hold plant sales to cover the cost; some of the sales took place at the old El Cerrito Community Days gatherings.

It was in the '70s that the club changed its name and joined the national organization, the Garden Clubs of America. The larger group "pushed for flower shows," said Brumbaugh, "but they weren't for us."

"We do have some really talented flower arrangers in our group; we let them take the glory

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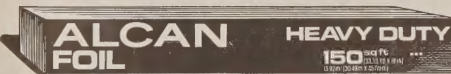
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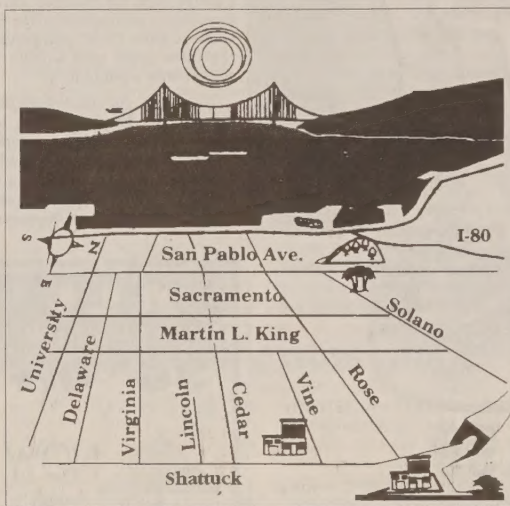
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Whatever happened to...

University Village continues to be discussed by city officials and numerous vice-chancellors and staffers at UC Berkeley. No decisions yet, but it does look like Cal is taking us seriously and will move in some direction this year.

There's a chance they might even turn the whole Village complex over to a private developer to build new student housing, affordable housing for the general public, market rate housing, and commercial uses like a new supermarket. It could be a great addition to our community, preserving open space and playing fields and adding new uses by better site planning.

Let's hope UC stays focused and finally gets moving after all these years. We'll keep pushing from our end. A meeting with Chancellor Tien later in the year will probably produce some real news.

Resources For Community Development, a non-profit affordable housing developer, recently locked up the Villa Motel site in escrow. Maybe the recent foiled arson attempt had something to do with the old motel's price tag coming down a bit.

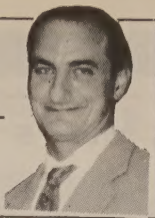
Watch for RCD's pitch to the City Council for seed money for planning a spiffy new project on the site.

Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean, Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin, El Cerrito Councilmember Norman LaForce, East Bay Park Director Jean Siri, and Albany Councilmembers Bruce Mast and Robert Good spent last Saturday's sunny afternoon with a troop of volunteers at Cerrito Creek.

Water was sampled, insects

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mike Brodsky
Albany



classified, and trash hauled away. Cerrito Creek flows through all four cities, emptying into the Bay at the Park District's soon to be Eastshore State Park.

All the elected officials supported cooperative creek restoration and watershed management efforts, not to mention having a pretty good time.

We all hope the Albany Unified School District will join the bandwagon; Cerrito Creek flows smack through the new middle school site. What a shame not to bring it up from its underground pipe. There's a great educational opportunity here, and it would save the school district a good chunk of change to restore the creek rather than installing a new underground culvert (the old one is caving in).

Look for a cooperative project between Berkeley and Albany next to the above mentioned Villa Motel, where Codornices Creeks forms the Berkeley-Albany border. Prospects look good for a pocket park with babbling brook to go along with the new Villa project.

There is a move afoot at the Congestion Management Agency to grab back Albany's recently won grant for a pedestrian/bicycle path on Codornices Creek. It seems widening a freeway in Hayward might be more important to the local politicians (mayors and councilmembers of East Bay Cities) who sit on this all-powerful but little known transportation dollar doling committee.

Councilmember Bruce Mast and city staff are fighting valiantly for this first ever (in 20 years) Albany transportation grant. Keep your fingers crossed or better yet, call Bruce if you want to get involved in transportation/bicycle issues.

The vision thing: keep your eye out for invitations to the San Pablo Avenue Visioning workshop. This will be really special. Participants are given cameras and set free to take pictures of buildings and street scenes they like.

Through the magic of computer aided design the photos will be assembled into a new vision of San Pablo Avenue. The scene is then manipulated at the direction of the workshop: "These buildings don't look quite tall enough for this street." "We need a little wider sidewalk." "What about a parking garage somewhere along here?"

The final product is a community produced plan that actually shows what we are trying to achieve. This is the kind of plan that can be understood and that gets used, unlike the typical dull document stuffed with professional planner talk — the kind that gathers dust on a city hall shelf somewhere.

The process really works. It produces a plan from which true and clear progress can come in short order. And it's interesting and fun to participate in. We've all got a bit of architect in us. Why not let it come out and go to work for the good of our town? This is a great opportunity for some of you who don't ordinarily participate to get involved.

Everybody who lives or has a business in Albany is eligible to join in. See you at the workshop.

Council wants higher mitigation fees

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO—The City Council will support Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program fees currently recommended by the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee. Council members have also notified the committee, however, that they believe the suggested fees are too low.

Measure C, the one-half cent sales tax measure adopted by the Contra Costa voters in 1988, requires each jurisdiction to "adopt a development mitigation program to ensure that development is paying its share of the costs associated with that development."

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority is charged with implementing Measure C and is thus

responsible for developing a program of mitigation fees; that responsibility has been delegated to the subregions of the county.

After months of discussing the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program — and losing potential revenues in the meantime, WCCTAC has asked each member agency to discuss the program and report back to the committee by March 29. WCCTAC is currently discussing fees of \$750 per housing unit and 50 cents per square foot of commercial development.

WCCTAC program manager Lisa Hogeboom attended the council's March 18 study session on the fees. Both she and Cathie Kosel, a member of WCCTAC and the CCTA, gave the council some background on the program, which

is designed to fund regional and subregional transportation projects.

"This mitigation fee is a controversial issue (in) West Contra County," said Kosel, who noted that "much higher fees are being adopted in other areas."

Kosel feels West County should cooperate with other areas and "somehow come up with an impact fee that is reasonable and acceptable to the rest of the county."

Hogeboom reported that the East County subregion has recently adopted a fee of \$3,375 to \$4,200 per housing unit and 55 cents per square foot for commercial development. Central County is considering fees between \$1,500 and \$4,000 for housing units and from 50 cents to \$2 for commercial units.

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West County School Watch

On a 4-0 vote the School Board decided on March 20 to restore the sixth period in district middle schools.

Restoration of the sixth period is one part of a comprehensive plan presented by the district's middle school task force on Feb. 14. The plan seeks to restore educational quality in the district's middle schools which, along with the district's teachers, bore the brunt of the cuts imposed in the wake of the school district's bankruptcy.

United Teachers of Richmond President Jerry Brooks urged the board to reinstate the sixth period, noting that the teacher's union had originally proposed the creation of the middle school task force. He also cautioned that the district is increasingly in a competitive disadvantage recruiting teachers to fill new positions as salaries continue to lag behind neighboring districts. For example, following the settlement in the recent Oakland school strike, beginning teachers in the WCCUSD will earn \$5,850 less than their counterparts in Oakland when their new salary schedule is fully implemented. Restoration of the sixth period will require the district to hire approximately 32 new teachers.

The board's resolution also directed staff to fully analyze the costs of another of the task force's recommendations, lowering middle school size to 750 to 800 students. The board also requested the task force to prioritize the balance of their sweeping recommendations. "We don't need

to stop here at the sixth period," said Boardmember Ramsey. "...We need to get a new middle school for central Richmond."

Board determines block grant distribution

In further action, on March 20 the School Board adopted a distribution plan for one-time block grant funds received from the state. By a 4-0 vote the board adopted a scheme which sends \$31.68 per student to the school sites. The legislature granted the funds to all school districts in the state to be used for non-recurring costs in the areas of instructional materials, educational technology, and deferred maintenance. Districts receive \$52 per student, which translates into a total allocation of \$1.6 million for the WCCUSD.

Many school site councils, including Harding, Kensington, Madera, Mira Vista, and El Cerrito High School, had argued that the full \$52 be allocated to the school sites given that the school's parents, teachers, and administration would have the best ability to invest these funds in line with their school's needs. Commenting on staff's proposal to use the funds for administrative items, Mira Vista PTA board member Lance Beeson "protested spending money on office workstations placing bureaucratic glamour over educational needs."

Parent Boundary Committee meets

New school boundaries will come a step closer to reality when the Parent Boundary Committee meets April 2. The committee is scheduled to review boundary disputes, make recommendations on elementary school boundaries, and review middle school issues related to boundary questions. The committee will meet at the Staff Development Center, 2625 Barnard St., Richmond, at 7 p.m.

Benefit fundraiser for Madera Elementary

A silent and live auction benefit fundraiser for the Madera Elementary School PTA will be held Saturday, March 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Along with live jazz, enjoy a complimentary hot and cold buffet, wine and fruit punch, espresso bar, homemade desserts, and door prizes. Tickets are \$18 at the door. Call 232-9004 for more information.

Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet

Mark your calendars now for the ninth annual Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet sponsored by the West County Public Education Fund. The event will be held on Friday, May 17, at the Richmond Convention Center at 6 p.m.

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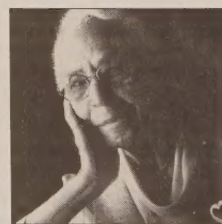
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Goings on About Town

Performances

Ashkenaz: March 28, 9 p.m.: Hot Links, Tiny Montgomery, and Shadow Government; March 29, 9:30 p.m.: Sister Iliive; March 30, 9:30 p.m.: Missing Link, Critical Mass, and Filibuster. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Eastenders Repertory Company: Through March 30, Thursday — Saturday, 8 p.m.: Presentation of *On the Outs*, a collection of short stories and scenes threaded together about relationships. LaVal's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 841-6510.

Thoth: March 28, 9 p.m.: An evening of music and dance featuring Annwn's CD release and Thoth. Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (415) 281-0102

Freight & Salvage: March 28, 8 p.m.: Tom Rush; March 29, 8:30 p.m.: Pierre Bensusan; March 30, 8:30 p.m.: Chris Gramp and Club Sandwich; March 31, 8 p.m.: Rebel Voices. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Music Caffeine: March 31, 5 p.m.: MusicSources presents *The Coffee Cantata* in a staged performance featuring Rachel Brott, soprano, and Pierre-Guy White, baritone. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

Frothy French Farce: Through April 6, Thurs., Fri., and Sat., 8 p.m. and Sun. matinee at 2 p.m.: TheatreFIRST presents *Anything To Declare?* by Hennequin and Veber. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 436-5085.

Berkeley High Jazz Band: March 29, 7:30 p.m.: The Berkeley High Ensemble, Combo, and Lab Band present their Spring Concert. Little Theatre, Allston Way at Milvia.

La Peña: March 29, 8:30 p.m.: Claudia Gomez performing music from their CD *Tierradentro*.

Maybeck Recital Hall: March 31, 4 p.m.: Roger Kellaway, piano. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

Miracle on Milvia St.: March 30, 5 p.m.: A fundraiser for Miracle Theatre and the World Wall for Peace featuring excerpts from *The Two Bit Tango*, an upcoming production.

Red Cafe: Every Tues. and night at 8:30 p.m.: Steve Packenham & Friends. 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

Noble Truths: March 28, 29, and 30, 8 p.m.: Poet/Performer Quize Jama-Everett presents his perceptions of daily life to present a new look at the four noble truths of Buddhism in a solo performance. Berkeley Store Gallery Annex, 2295 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 649-0272.

Starry Plough: March 28, 10:45 p.m.: Annwn with Thoth at 8:15 p.m.; March 29, 9:45 p.m.: Mare Winningham with Gary Wayne Claxton; March 30, 9:45 p.m.: Chuck Prophet with The Buckets; March 31, 8:30 p.m.: Electric Blues Jam. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-1424.

Jesus, My Friend: March 31, 7:30 p.m.: American Bach Solists present *Motet: "Jesu, meine Freude"*. First Congregation Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley (415) 435-5235.

Jupiter: March 28, 8 p.m.: That Guy; March 8:30 p.m.: Dogslayde with Slydenmike at 5:30 p.m.; March 30, 8:30 p.m.: Will Bernard Quartet. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-THE-TAPS.

Yoshi's: March 28-0, 8 and 10 p.m.: Flora Purim & Airtio; April 1, 8 and 10 p.m.: Ira Stein Group; April 2, 8 and 10 p.m.: Richard Hindman Trio and Steve Czarniecki Trio, by invitation only; April 3-7, 8 and 10 p.m.: Jerry Gonzalez & The Fort Apache Band. 6030 Claremont Ave.,

North Oakland. 652-9200.

Religious Activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: March 31, 10:30 a.m.: "April Fool with Our Children" with Sandy Decker and the BFUU children, in a family service full of worship and mirth. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

Calvary Church and Center: Holy Week: April 4 — Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m.; April 5: Good Friday service, noon; April 7: Easter Sunday service in English and Chinese. Kids invited to Easter egg hunt following service. 1940 Virginia St., Berkeley. 848-9132.

Lutheran Church of the Cross: March 31, 10 a.m.: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday will be observed with palms distributed to all worshippers and a procession into the sanctuary. 1744 University Ave., Berkeley. 848-1424.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: March 31, 8 and 10 a.m.: The Rev. Allan Bell will preach. At 4 p.m. Evening song with the Tallis Singers, Alasdair Harding will lead the service. At 7 p.m. Shira Kamen will perform in concert. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

Events, meetings, classes...

National Association of Retired Federal Employees: March 26, 1 p.m.: Monthly meeting of Chapter 1282. Launa Dynan will speak on "Asset Preservation and Estate Planning." Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany.

Albany Pool: Accepting mail registration for swimming classes for spring session. Walk in registration under way. All ages. Call 559-6640 for details. 1311 Portland Ave., Albany

North Berkeley Counseling Center hosts free public lecture series beginning March 29, 7 p.m.: 1940 Virginia St. First topic: "How to Get and Keep Good Hugs, Kisses, Love, and Sex in Your Relationships." 869-4807.

Picture Framing Workshop begins Tuesday at Albany Adult School, 6:30 to 9:30 for seven weeks. Call 559-6580 for information.

"My Cyprus," an award-winning documentary, will be shown Saturday at 2 p.m. at Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant. Reception will follow. Call 845-4956.

Cody's Books: March 31: Thacher Hurd, *Art Dog*, 1:30 p.m. (for all ages); April 2: Fantasy Baseball Roundup with Lawr Michaels, editor and contributor to John Benson's *Baseball Player Guide A to Z 1996-97*, *The Rotisserie Baseball Annual 1996* and *Future Stars: The Minor League Abstract*; April 3: Roseann Cash, *Bodies of Water*; Dr. Charles Garfield: *Sometimes My Heart Goes Numb*. At 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Preschool Fair this Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at East Bay French American School, 1009 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. \$1 entry for parents. Free childcare.

Fiesta Dinner at El Cerrito Community Center, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 on March 29. Call 215-4370. Benefits Community Services.

National conference — National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture, March 29-April 1 at the Berkeley Marina Marriott. Call 451-2171 for registration and information.

Art Lecture: March 31, 7:30 p.m.: Luc Brebion on "The Art of Augustus Saint Gaudens." Berkeley Jewish

'Fiddler' at St. Mary's



Andrew Jedd is Teyve and Lindsey Benner is Golde in St. Mary's College High School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." The show, accompanied by live music and staged in the schools' new Fine Arts Center, runs tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For information call 526-9242 ext. 409.

Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 845-1919.

REI: Try out canoes and kayaks at Watersports Demo Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Aquatic Park, foot of Bancroft Way. On April 4 at the store, 1338 San Pablo, hear Dan Crandall on "Paddling: How to Get Started." 7 p.m.

Black Oak Books: Abbas Milani, Ph.D., discusses *Tales of Two Cities* at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

Easy Going: Tonight: Traveler's Tales — Spain. 7:30 p.m. 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley. 843-3533.

"APEX and the Environment: Guiding Principles, Innovative Strategies," a seminar with Lyuba Zarsky. April 3, 5:30-7 p.m., 1831 Second St., Berkeley. RSVP: 204-9296.

Contra Costa Hills Club: March 31: Seven-mile hike through city parks of Walnut Creek. 256-7115. Bring lunch, beverage.

Berkeley Hiking Club: March 31 — Mini-hike: Sunol. Helen Wynne (843-5738) 9 a.m.; Regular hike: Lone Bock (532-6379). 8:30 a.m.

Birth Center Tour: Every Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 11 a.m.: Providing an overview of Alta Bates' birthing facilities and services. 2450 Ashby Campus, Berkeley. Meet on the first floor at the information booth. 204-1334.

La Peña for Kids: 3105 Shattuck Ave. at Woolsey, Berkeley. 849-2568.

North Berkeley Senior Center: March 29: Housing Option with Allen Grill, 1 p.m.; Video opera: "Elixir of Love," 1 p.m. 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

Family Life Hotline: Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 FM: Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the

East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Fremes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

Outdoor rock climbing classes at Cragsmont Park with Jeff Follett. Beginments on Saturday, March 30; more advanced, Sunday. 654-2510.

Jitterbug Club: Second Saturday of month: The Northern California Lindy Gala Bookstore: Saturday, March 30: Spring Faire, a book, craft and jewelry sale, includes a sidewalk sale with free books, tapas tasting, magic demonstrations and celtic harp concert.

April 3 — Hillary Johnson on *Osler's Web: The Labyrinth of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome*; April 4 — David Gerzson on *A House Divided: Six Belief Systems Struggling for America's Soul*. Both at 7:30 p.m. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 848-GALA.

"Helpful Herbs and Bugs for House and Garden" is Katrine Benninger's topic on Sunday, March 31, 2-4 p.m. at Karl Linn Community Garden, Hopkins and Peralta streets. 848-6397.

Careers in alcohol and drug prevention and treatment are the subject of a lecture/discussion at noon on April 2 at Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 848-6370.

"Coping with Labor," an introduction to pain management techniques. Tuesday, April 2, 7:30 p.m. Alta Bates, First Floor Auditorium, 2450 Ashby.

Third International Ecology Conference slide show and report will be presented Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Fellowship Hall, Cedar and Bonita streets, Berkeley. \$5-\$15.

Silent and live auction benefits Madera Elementary School PTA on March 30, 7 p.m. at Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Tickets \$18 at the door. Hot and cold buffet, wine and punch, espresso, desserts, door prizes, live jazz. 232-9004.

Philately Meeting: For stamp collectors: first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

Watercolor class with M. Louise Stanley at Tilden Botanic Garden on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$35. Call 636-1684.

Begin swimming at the Downtown Berkeley Y: April 1-5 at 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30. \$5. Also, Competitive Swim Camp for 8- to 12-year-olds with advanced swim skills. \$15 (Financial assistance available for both programs.) For info call 848-9622.

Homework Helper: Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's South Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

African-American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

Women in Action, a forum on radical women's organizations, Monday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. at Long Haul Infoshop, 3124 Shattuck Ave., near Ashby. Women only. For information call 540-0751. Childcare available (601-5673) with 48-hour notice.

Exhibits

Albany Arts Gallery: Through April 12, Marge Drew will have on display a series of works entitled *Aquamedia Floral Portraits*. 1251 Solano Ave., Albany. 526-9558.

Black Panthers: Through May 31. In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party by Huey P. Newton, an exhibition and catalog on the Black Panther Party is offered. Entitled "The Legacy of the Panthers", 65 photos were selected to capture the true legacy of the Panthers and show the dreams and hopes of young people in the community who were committed to change. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Japanese artist Kelko Nelson shows "Inner Diary: Installation and Paper Constructs" at the Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge, Berkeley. 649-2400.

New Pieces: Through April 4: New Pieces Fabric presents "Color Play," an

exhibit of quilts by Berkeley quilters Rhode. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 6779.

Siporin Cafe Art: Through April 11 p.m., daily except Sunday. 524-6779.

Tanna Bellia: Ongoing show: Tanna Bellia, local artist, is currently displaying some recent pastels dealing with food and vegetables and other subjects. On display from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rendezvous Gallery, 1501 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-9285.

Works in Pastel: Through July. The works of Trudy Vilanka. Albany Community Center, Foyer Gallery, Marin Ave., Albany. 524-9283.

Support groups, self-help

Overeaters Anonymous will hold information night tonight at 7 p.m. West Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave.

Alta Bates hosts a panel on cancer and bodywork for cancer care on Thursday, April 4, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Free, but call 204-4400 for reservations.

Emergency Services Program: Easy Does It Emergency Services Program offers low fee emergency attendants, minor wheelchair repairs, emergency wheelchair accessories, transportation to individual disabilities within the city limits of Berkeley. For more information call 5513, 464-8583 (TDD).


Alzheimer's: and related issues Monday Enrichment Program hosted by the Claremont Center for Aging and fellowship; St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 844-4444.

Public speaking skills and new spirituality come together at Dr. Toastmasters. 2515 Hillegas at Dwight Berkeley. Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. 7645.

Cancer Support Group: Every Friday, 9:30 a.m.: Free sessions with Feldman, M.A., M.S., R.N. 845-9000.

Conscious Connections: Meet singles who value personal and spiritual growth. Second and fourth Saturdays, 6 p.m. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 3-2605.

Emotions Anonymous: Sunday p.m.: Northbrae Community Church, The Alameda (Near Solano). 655-3870.



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bids this week. Randall expected he would not be able to make a recommendation to the council on the "lowest responsible bidder" until its April 15 meeting. At any rate, he said, "by late spring, the old building should come down."

Fire Station No. 72 was built in 1949 and has not been upgraded since. It is considered to be deficient "by virtually every current standard as a modern fire station," according to a 1994 staff report by Randall and fire chief Steve Cutright.

Among other things, both firefighting vehicles don't even fit inside the station, which also falls seriously short of seismic safety codes. Lack of adequate restrooms, locker space and fa-

cilities for women firefighters are also considered significant problems, as is the lack of sufficient space between apparatus and living areas, "insufficient to protect employees from diesel emissions."

The firefighter crew working out of Station No. 72 will be moved to temporary quarters at Camp Herms, a Boy Scout facility on Arlington Boulevard. Approval for that move may be finalized at the April 1 meeting,

Randall said.

With the Boy Scouts' "Ranger Norm" retiring, the house where he resides will provide living space for station employees.

When the camp is not being used the fire apparatus can be parked by the house; at other times, the trucks will be parked by the garage inside the main camp entrance.

Randall said some widening of the road and posting of signs will be needed.

New art exhibit at the library

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Art Association presents a new exhibit, "Exotic Faces of the World: from Bali and Belize to Berkeley and back," currently on display at the El Cerrito Library through May 5.

The exhibit includes acrylic portrait painting of rastas, rice farmers, river rats, mystics, gypsies, fishmongers, godfathers and

kids at play by artist Tom Suporin, 1970 - 1995.

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By Frosene Phillips

"Our first concert sold out," said an excited Mike Vax. The big band leader/trumpeter has good reason to be tooting his horn. Vax is currently directing the newly formed Alice Arts Center Jazz Orchestra. This 19-piece big band is comprised of Bay Area musicians with musical credits that include such recognizable names as Stan Kenton and Woody Herman to Buddy Rich, Cab Calloway and Jimmy Dorsey to name a few.

Conceived to perpetuate this established musical expression by performing meaningful music, talking about the importance of jazz heritage in America and bringing jazz to young people, the AACJO performs its jazz concert series at Oakland's Alice Arts Center.

Former Oakland High School graduate Vax brings a musical history that is rich with accomplishments. In addition to the esteemed position of first trumpet, he was also soloist and road manager of the Stan Kenton Orchestra. His work in the area of performing workshops with high schools, colleges and universities throughout the world exceeds 900.

This Sunday, March 31, at 3 p.m., Vax and the AACJO will perform its second concert of the 1996 season at the Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St at 14th in Oakland. The concert will feature the music of Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Thad Jones, Charles Mingus, Clark Terry and more along with original compositions. Tickets are priced at \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. For ticket information call (510) 427-6666 or fax at (510) 427-6789.

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While the Alice Arts Center Jazz Orchestra has found an intimate venue and home, musician Joel Dorham's words offer an early inspiration to this latest direction of the center. It was over two years ago that Dorham's phrase "Space is not the final frontier, jazz is. I hear foot-steps." was installed in the form of a bronze plaque at the Alice Arts Center.

You can catch Dorham with his Latin Jazz Octet Friday night, March 29, at Enrico's in San Francisco. Since his Bay Area appearances are limited and this performance is a first for Dorham and for Latin jazz at the legendary Enrico's, expect 504 Broadway to attract a crowd. Joel Dorham and his Latin Jazz Octet will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Unbeaten
Jackets (6-0)
take on Novato
team today

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley High came into the 1996 lacrosse season a fragmented team that was unsure of its direction. During the first few three weeks of practice team morale and intensity were low.

That disjointed team has quickly blossomed into the best and strongest team in the league, winning all of their games so far this season to take a 6-0 record into the home game today against Novato.

To see how Berkeley accomplished this, it's necessary to go back to the fantastic start the team had in the first few games against the best teams in the league.

The Yellowjackets had by far the toughest opening schedule, playing the three opening matches against playoff teams from last season. Among those was a rematch of the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association championship with Alacanes, the team that ended Berkeley's season last year in the finals.

Berkeley collected a 5-4 overtime win at home over Alacanes in the season opener and the Yellowjackets started to come alive.

The Jackets played fair in the Golden Gate Tournament in Mountain View, a set of games that don't count on the overall record.

A return to league play found Berkeley picking up another big



Berkeley defender Casey Bradley tries to get into the scoring act as he takes the ball up the field in a contest with Skyline last week.

victory, beating perennial powerhouse Bishop O'Dowd, 8-4, on the Dragons' home field in Oakland.

Next came a 10-6 home win over St. Ignatius of San Francisco and the Jackets were juiced.

"We had to play the three toughest teams from last year in our first three games," said senior mid Ryan VanValer. "That really set the tone for the season."

Berkeley thrashed Lick Wildmerding of San Francisco 13-1 on the road.

Last Friday the Jackets extended their streak by handing undermanned Skyline a 9-0 loss in Oakland. Berkeley goalie Damian Kirklund notched his first shutout of the season.

Last major hurdle

This week was another major showdown for Berkeley against University High of San Francisco, the only other unbeaten team in the

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BHS LAX scores on for the community

By Peter Mentor

There is no doubt that Berkeley High is the best team in the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association this season, but can these players wield a hammer?

Members of the lacrosse team are joining in to help the local chapter of Christmas in April, a project that helps to renovate homes of low income, elderly, and disabled people as well as fixing up rundown community facilities.

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BHS baseball: lots of promise but....

By John Gardella

The Berkeley High baseball team hasn't experienced much early-season success, but what they're learning early on may prove much more valuable.

Namely, they have as much, if not more, talent than perennial Bay Valley Athletic League powers Monte Vista High and De LaSalle. Most of Berkeley's talent lies in their pitching, but what's been missing is some timely hitting.

"I know we are one of the top teams in the league," said coach Larry Gordon. "Now, we have to go out and prove it."

There's the rub. The Yellowjackets have come up empty

in their first two BVAL games.

Tuesday, at De LaSalle, Berkeley and pitcher Jason Young went into the last inning with a 4-2 lead. By the time De LaSalle's Jason Dennis reached first on a single, the winning run.

Young, a member of last summer's team which represented the United States in the Goodwill Games, pitched a complete game, allowing just two earned runs, but the Yellowjackets fell anyway, 5-4, stranding 12 runners.

It was the junior's first start of the season. Until then, he had been used in relief only.

In their league opener, the Yellowjackets (3-5, 0-2 BVAL) played poorly, and lost 3-0, but it

was a scoreless game after five and senior Yshyah Goldfarb went the distance, surrendering just two earned runs.

"We have to be more focused," Gordon said. "My approach all season has been that we are just as good as those teams. Maybe we have to take a harder approach towards practice."

After Young and Goldfarb, Berkeley can come at you with two other pitchers Gordon expects big things from, Ben Graber and Eric Knecht.

"The pitchers are the backbone of the team," Gordon said. "It's been tough for them, pitching in hard-luck situations, but they've been hanging in pretty strong."

"Once we get focused, teams will have to get ready for us. Right now, we are working real hard trying to get that first league W."

The Yellowjackets take on Liberty Tuesday. Thursday's game against Antioch is the team's league home opener.

Berkeley High's Morita tosses no-hit shutout

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley High sophomore pitcher Josina Morita tossed a no-hit shutout over Piedmont High in a 10-0 non-league victory on Saturday.

Morita struck out six and walked four batters, which turned out to be the only blemishes on the scorecard. The game ended after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

The Yellowjackets' offense had little trouble belting out hits against the Highlanders.

Willi Sanchez went 2-for-3 with a single and a triple. Celeste Chun also went 2-for-3 on a single and a double.

Brooklyn Williams pounded out two singles in her three at-bats, and Karen Rogers was a perfect 3-for-3 on a troika of base hits.

Berkeley scored three runs in both the first and second innings for a 6-0 lead. The Jackets added solo runs in the third and fifth innings to end the game early.

Morita's near-perfect game was followed by Berkeley's disappointing 9-1 loss to Bay Valley Athletic League rival Carondelet on Tuesday.

Berkeley's record climbed and fell to 0-2 BVAL, 3-7 overall. The Yellowjackets were set to face next-door neighbor Albany High at Grove Park this afternoon.

Injuries hamper Cal's Pac-10 goals

By John Gardella

Winning a minimum of two games in Los Angeles this weekend against front-running University of Southern California is a must if Cal hopes to make any noise in the Pac-10. However, that would be a tall order even if the Bears were a healthy team.

Ranked No. 5 in the preseason polls, the Bears (17-15, 5-7 Pac-10) have been decimated by injuries—including what appears to be a season-ending arm injury to star pitcher Ryan Drese—and have stumbled to a 5-7 record in league play.

"They Cal have been hit by a lot of injuries," said USC coach Mike Gillespie. "Ryan Drese, healthy, is as good a pitcher as there is in the country."

Drese, who has missed all of the Pac-10 season to date, was 1-2 with a 2.93 ERA, when he experienced pain in his throwing arm in his last start before the league opener against UCLA. The soreness persisted, and it now appears that it's a result of a strained tendon which may keep him out for the rest of the season, said Cal assistant media relations director Scott Ball. Life without the Oakland native throwing once per series has been, at best,

inconsistent. At its worse, it's been awful.

The Bears went to UCLA without Drese and got swept. Then, they lost the first two against Arizona State, before salvaging the series finale. The short-lived happiness of a sweep over Arizona, was shattered this weekend, when the Bears lost two-of-three games to rival Stanford.

So, the Bears fly south, short their best pitcher, to play a No. 2 USC team that seemed to be in the Six-Pac driver's seat going into last weekend's series versus UCLA.

But in keeping with the unpredictable nature of the conference, the Trojans proceeded to drop two games, and saw their lead shrink to one game over the Bruins.

"With regards to us," Gillespie said, "It's hard to know which team is going to show up."

Meanwhile, up north and out east, Cal lost two to Stanford, and a reeling Arizona managed to steal one from Arizona State, creating a three-way tie for third with Cal, Stanford and Arizona State.

"Top-to-bottom," said Gillespie, this is the toughest conference in the country. "Every week is a grind;

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First-grade girls get a league of their own

Farm teams, in Berkeley? No, that wasn't minor league spring training in Codornices Park last Saturday. It was the Albany Berkeley Girls' Micro Softball League — four teams of first-graders throwing and catching, running the bases, and taking their cuts at bat.

The Micro Softball League is a new division of the Albany Berkeley Girls' Softball League, now in its 13th season. The brainchild of Jane Hammond, Berkeley businesswoman and mother of two girls, the Micro League is a chance for six and seven-year-old girls to get their first crack at the national pastime.

"I like hitting and catching the ball," Alina Schnake Mahl, of the Black, Brown and Lanier Advocates, told this reporter. "I want to play outfield."

"I like hitting," said Anna Kalkanis Ellis, also



of the Advocats, with the sure smile of a veteran. "I want to play first base."

In fact, the Micro League girls hone their skills by playing all the positions. "The emphasis is on fun and everyone taking part," Hammond noted. Nobody warms the bench. The league fields small-sided teams, so that every girl plays every inning in every game.

"At this age, the purpose is learning the game," said Mary Stutz, sponsor of the Stutz Olive Oil team and mother of rookie

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my day in the sun."

But three days later the Pirates offered him a free-agent contract. Free is the operative word here, as in no money. He had to win a job. This presented a dilemma. His wife was expecting their first child, and here he was giving up their security to chase after his destiny. Because this is a happy

story — no tragic overtones — he won a job. He went to a Single-A team in Salem, Virginia, where he tore up the league, all for 500 bucks a month. The next year he got a raise of \$100 a month to play in Triple-A. He went through all his savings.

"I just wanted to see if I could do it," Howe said. "I didn't want to be one of those guys who has a grandson on his

lap and says, "I could have been a big leaguer, but I had other things to do." He was finally called up to the Pirates in June 1974, and eventually was traded to the Astros.

In the offseason he would play for Bayamon in Puerto Rico, but Americans were limited to five years there. After Howe had run out of options, the general manager asked him to manage, even though he was

still an active player. Howe brought some of his Astro teammates with him, and although they were equals in the States, they let Howe boss them in Bayamon. They lost three of their first four games, and the general manager said, "Arturo, I thought you told me these guys could hit." They could and they did, and a year later Howe was named Manager of the Year.

He took over Houston in

1989, went 86-76 his first year, and in five seasons won 392 games, second best in franchise history. But in 1990 the Astros embarked on a rebuilding process. In 1991 they fielded the youngest team in the majors. They had grotesque records for a couple of seasons, and Howe was perceived as the perfect gentle, make-no-waves guy to lead players who had just recently passed puberty. Although he brought the Astros back to .500 by 1992, the image had been created, an image, by the way, which has been imposed upon him in Oakland.

"I don't want to be labeled as passive and I don't want to be labeled as a manager of young players," Howe was getting worked up as he said this. "My players are going to play hard," he said. "They are going to be an Howe team. That means they will be aggressive and fundamentally sound and will not give an inch." OK, so that's your introduction to Art Howe. This stuff. You never know there'll be a pop quiz.

League

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Olivia ("I like throwing") Stutz. "It's great to start them early, fine-tuning their motor skills."

Loly Felder, team sponsor of the Davitt Felder Stamps Royals, agreed. She added, "For our daughter, a ball has always been her favorite toy. This is a great way to get her into baseball... and for girls to meet kids from other schools, other neighborhoods."

The Micro Girls' Softball League sprouted from the micro soccer league last fall. "We had so much fun and our kids had so much fun that we said to ourselves, 'What will we do in spring?'" Felder recalled. "The league grew out of Jane Hammond's commitment and initiative and a lot of teamwork from people involved in the Albany Berkeley Girls' Softball League and other parents."

When the league opened for spring training last Saturday, there

were no hold outs. Enthusiasm was the name of the game. Teresa McGuire, head coach of the Stutz Olive Oil team, remarked, "the goal is for the girls to really love the game." If the wide smiles of the players and their fans were any indication, the league is well on the way to meeting its goal.

Abby Cheitlin, for one, loved it all. "I like hitting and catching... and throwing."

Her mother, Betsey Cheitlin, manager of the Jane Hammond

Events, commented, "I've never played softball but I wanted to be involved. It's great to get kids together and meet new friends. It's going to be great for families."

The Albany-Berkeley Girls' Micro Softball League will start its season next week at Codornices Park. Practice and games for all four teams are from nine to eleven every Saturday. Anyone interested in finding out more about the league may call Jane Hammond at 528-3530.

Community

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The idea to help was hatched out of the Berkeley High lacrosse parent support group. The players quickly responded to the cause.

"I think it's a great idea because we're doing something for the community and it's fun," said Berkeley

senior Jeremy Cohen. "It was the parents' idea. Everyone on the team was very willing to do it. It seems fitting that a bunch of athletes who are able bodied and work together can participate."

Cohen said the team has done car washes and fundraisers before. The players don't see it as work, be-

cause they have a lot of fun doing it together.

"A lot of times when guys on the team hang out together we get closer," said Cohen. "It's fun to spend time with (each other) in a different context." Jackie Riskin, Cohen's mother, was in charge of contacting the players and asking their help. She talked to coaches Chris Sparhawk and Craig Sweeney, and the team agreed.

"I think it's very important for kids to learn community service," said Riskin. "I'd like to see it as a model for other teams."

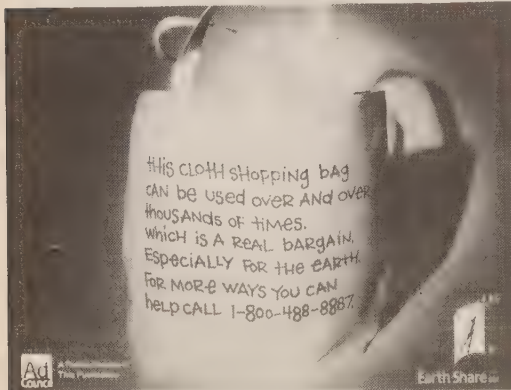
The main project is slated for April 27 in Berkeley and Albany, but because the Jackets have a game

on the April 26 they were asked to split up their efforts and help out on two other dates.

The Berkeley varsity is scheduled to work on homes April 20, while the junior varsity is set to work on May 4. The double duty will help extend the Christmas in April project by two weeks.

The project has already repaired 138 homes and 18 facilities over the last five years. Those repair add up to \$1,360,000, with an average \$12,000 per home.

The goal for this year is 30 homes in Albany and Berkeley, working on major problems. Over 1,000 volunteers will do this work, with the lacrosse team among them.



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I don't care who you're playing."

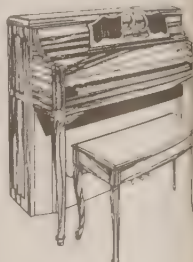
The Trojans (21-7, 9-3 Pac-10) were 4-2 against Cal last year en route to first-place finish, but Gillespie said he doesn't put much stock in the past. "Cal has a really intense coaching staff," he said. "We know they won't back down."

So, with this series mid-point of the season, the Milano and the Bears have south, without their No. 1, and find a way to win all the games.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Ginternick

A formula for success

What does it take to turn a rather mediocre neighborhood market into a shining El Cerrito business success? The answer is: A first rate produce department! At least that's the view of Nick Bolla, one of the Chamber of Commerce's newer members and owner/operator of Giovanni's Produce & Grocery at 1600 Liberty Street.

Taking over the market from a succession of short-term owners, Bolla has worked hard at developing one of the best produce departments in this area because: "I felt that was what people were looking for."

Evidently he was right, because now—almost eight years later—business at Giovanni's is going strong.

However, Bolla isn't resting on his laurels. He still goes to the produce market every morning and personally selects the widest possible variety of the best quality produce that can be found.

Once in the store, he offers his choices at competitive prices—

many of which are usually lower than those that can be found at most supermarkets.

"After many years in this business," Bolla explains, "I know how to spot top quality produce being offered at a good price. And I'm happy to be able to pass these values on to my customers."

Not only do a large number of El Cerrito residents appreciate Bolla's produce department, it also draws regular customers from as far north as Pinole and as far south as Berkeley.

Now 53 years old, Bolla has been in the produce business since he started out as a lettuce trimmer at Fry's Foods in San Pablo after graduating from El Cerrito High School at the age of 17.

He spent the next 15 years learning the business, then served 12 years as produce buyer for the Fry's chain.

In addition to Bolla's sensational produce, the market also offers a good selection of No. 1 sellers in all grocery



Nick Bolla is welcomed to chamber membership by City Councilmember Norman LaForce (left) and Chamber President Pat Malailua

categories, specialty items such as fresh-cut flowers, a number of bulk natural foods, Italian food specialties, dairy products, beer and wine.

Giovanni's is something of a family project. While Nick handles the produce, his wife Christine, takes care of the natural foods and son, Peter, is in charge of groceries, beer and wine.

Mrs. Bolla sees to it that the store is well supplied with a good selection of bulk natural foods, including nuts, candies, flours, polenta and some dried pastas.

Peter Bolla is continually searching for fine wines he can sell for \$8 or less. "Our customers," he reports, "want good wine that's inexpensive—not just cheap wine."

Because of his close personal

relationship with small operators who do private importing and sell to a limited market, Peter is able to offer his customers wines not available elsewhere.

A portion of the market is also subleased to Rick's Quality Meats, well known for its Petaluma fryers, Harris Ranch beef, lunch meats and prepared deli items.

Having lived in El Cerrito since he was 6 years old, Nick Bolla believes in doing what he can to help nonprofit groups raise money. He makes available to these groups—at discount prices—coupon books for resale. Buyers can redeem the coupons for produce or groceries, and the group selling the books can keep the difference between the face value and the discount price.

As an added service to the community, free local home delivery is available by telephoning 235-1233.

Hours at Giovanni's are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

New member

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is welcoming new member Terrie Marzetta Security Pacific Real Estate, Richmond, 799-0279, real estate services.

Deep appreciation is extended to chamber board member Gary Wong, Strings Italian Cafe, who designated a percentage of proceeds from a day's receipts as a donation to the chamber's operations fund.

Chamber members and guests were treated to an enjoyable evening of business and pleasure when hosted at a Membership Mixer at Kiefer's Furniture March 21. Delicious foods, beverages and networking among

those attending were the event's highlights.

The chamber is extending appreciation to the following members who have reinvested in their membership as we continue our listing from the last Journal issue:

Strings Italian Cafe; Nomura Pre-School; Sunset View Cemetery Association; Plaza Pharmacy; Quorum Distributors, Walter and Beverly Wallace; Full Circle Travel; East May MUD; Mira Vista Tire and Brake; Ball Chiropractic; Edward Jones Company; The Journal, Hills Publications; Mercury Mail & Message Service; PetVet Pet Food; West Contra Costa Association of Realtors; Bay Cablevision; V.G. White Jeweler; Also, Black, Brown & Lanier

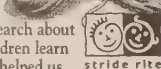
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And, M.A. Hays Insurance; House of Carpets; Sizzler; Marvin Collins Construction; LITA of Contra Costa; El Cerrito Plaza; El Cerrito Royale; Wells Fargo Bank; Del Norte Shell; Innocam; Bill Pezick, EA CEP; Espresso Ala Carte; Fern Luoma; Corann Withers, O.D.; California Federal Bank; Vacuum World; The Junket; Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club; Longs Drug Stores; The Mechanics Bank; West Contra Costa Unified School District; Norge Cleaners; Great Western Bank. (To be continued)

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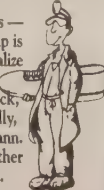


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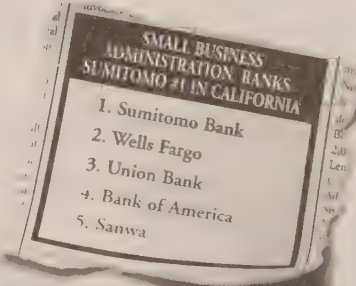
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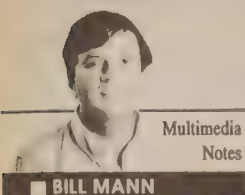
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Multimedia Notes

And the winner is ...

The Votes Are In: Well, my vote, anyway, for the Two Best Commercials Currently on TV. Please send me your own nominations.

One is that current clever series of ads PacBell is running for free Call Return, or whatever it is. (Oops ... guess the ad agency may have missed some "copy points" here).

The young actor doing this ongoing series of spots is eerily reminiscent of Kyle MacLachlan and his Agent Cooper character on "Twin Peaks." The guy is androgynous-like, absolutely straight with no sense of humor, and is incredulous to learn aluminum siding can be made to look like wood. Whoever this guy is, he plays every one of these spots totally and amusingly straight, whether it's getting lost in the desert with only his calling card to help him forage for food, or taking a shower in a suit.

I guess you're supposed to remember the product at least as much as what the spot is for, but here I don't. Do you? I predict big things for this guy; he's a youthful version of MacLachlan, and I bet director David Lynch ("Twin Peaks," "Blue Velvet") has probably picked up on this guy. Speaking of which, I haven't heard a word about Lynch lately. Have you?

Say Cheese: The second ad is one by and for, I believe, the California Cheese Board.

A bored-to-tears-looking customs agent asks several different suspicious and/or seedy-looking characters what the purpose of their visits to California are. All say "the cheese." When a very proper, John Cleese/Terry Thomas-like Englishman announces "Yosemite" as his purpose in an upper-class British accent, the "customs agent" tells him to please step to an interrogation line. The Brit looks aghast.

This ad is distinguished by its great casting. Every visitor in the ad is an exaggerated stereotype. (One seedy-looking guy has so much stubble he makes Yassar Arafat look clean-shaven by comparison). And the heavy-set customs agent looks like she was borrowed from that now-famous "Russian fashion show" ad that won numerous Clio Awards a few years back.

This commercial always gets my attention — and always draws a smile or chuckle, and I've probably seen it 20 times. My favorite moment is when a roguish-looking young African-American man winks suggestively at the bored bureaucrat.

Wacky DJ's Invade Denver Mosque: Music radio is full of "wacky" and "zany" morning teams who'll try anything to get attention. Not to mention all the glib, witless DJ's who populate radio today. We have plenty of these here, probably best typified by dismal L.A. imports Mark and Brian, who are still killing KRQR's ratings.

M&B have no discernible talent, except for being obnoxious. You may recall that Mark and Brian managed to schmooze enough TV people five years ago to land their own Sunday-night NBC series. Not surprisingly, it lasted three weeks. Actually, it WAS surprising — it should have lasted only one week, one less than Paula Poundstone's memorable bomb.

I was thinking of Mark and Brian, Wild 107.7's Mancow Muller — the Bay Bridge haircut jerk — and KMEL's old Morning Zoo, among others, when I saw a

wire story out of Denver the other day.

A three-man team of morning radio "zanies" decided to barge into a Denver mosque playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during worship services.

They were making a "statement" about Denver Nugget basketball star Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's earlier refusal to stand for the national anthem.

Yeah. The statement they made was: "We're insensitive jerks."

This is a quality Howard Stern's success has apparently made desirable.

The Muslim community wants these dolts fired. Hasn't happened. I'm sure that after a short suspension and a totally insincere apology by the station, these three guys will be back in business as usual. In fact, they'll probably include the mosque desecration in resumes for their next wacky radio gig — which could be L.A., where they appreciate such talent-impaired dimbulbs. Former S.F. Mayor Frank Jordan must feel like such a fool for submitting to that puerile shower stunt with M&B, one that may have cost him his job.

If you saw this wire story out of Denver, maybe this thought crossed your mind: What would have happened if the three had, say, rudely interrupted a Christian service by playing, say, Arabic music? They also wore shoes into the mosque, violating a strict Muslim prohibition, as well as violating the prayer hall's prohibition against music. Wacky AND zany! These same three guys had, after all, once sat naked in a giant bowl of Froot Loops.

So, if you think afternoon TV talk shows are sleazy, consider that this kind of thing has been going on in radio for years, especially on FM music stations. Radio has sleaze down to an art form.

My son produced a somewhat bland radio show for an FM music station's morning team up in Portland last year, taking a year out of college. Last spring, he announced he'd had it with radio. "You were right, Dad," he told me in a phone call, "You've been telling me for years how sleazy the radio business was, but I had to see first-hand. And you were right." I told him I was glad he learned the reality of the music-radio business before he

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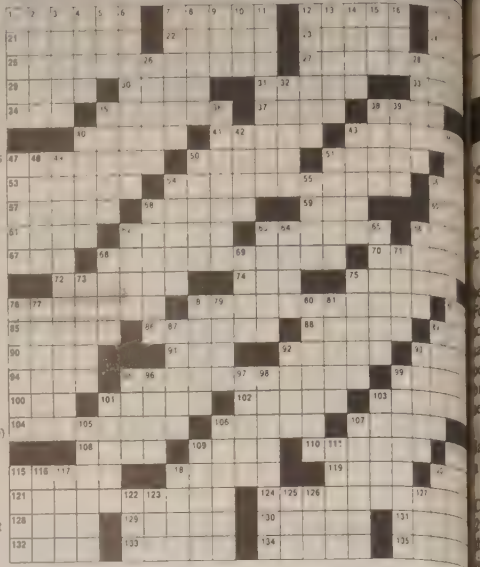
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East Bay Events

'Sensuous amounts of paints'

A new exhibition of recent works by artist Jerry Carniglia opens today at the Giorgi Gallery in Berkeley with a reception from 5-8 p.m.

The series of oil paintings and works on vellum have been given the collective name *Selva Oscura*, or Dark Forest, a striking image that references Dante's descent into Hell. Carniglia's latest artistic journey is said to be inspired by "the ironic duality that lies between human mortality and the transcendent possibilities of creative tools: the brush, the canvas, and sensuous amounts of oil paint."

Carniglia's work has been compared to that of Jackson Pollock, Joan Mitchell and Cy Twombly, each a master of the "directed stroke on an uncertain path." "*Selva Oscura*, The Recent Paintings of Jerry Carniglia," runs through April 28 at the Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave. at Ashby Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 849-4967.

'Passion' on program

In its third program of the season, American Bach Soloists, directed by Jeffrey Thomas, presents Muffat's *Sonata V* a 5, scored for five string players, Bach's transcendent motet *Jesu, meine Freude*, and the rarely heard *St. Matthew Passion* by Johann Theile. Soloists are Judith Nelson, soprano; Drew Minter, counter-tenor; Jeffrey Thomas, tenor; and James Weaver, bass.

The performance takes place Sunday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant in Berkeley. A complementary lecture begins one hour before the concert.

For tickets call 415-435-5235.

Rare Rush appearance

Freight & Salvage features the northeast's legendary singer and songwriter Tom Rush, now a senior statesman of the acoustic music scene. Rush is the man who first introduced the world to the songs of Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne, and James Taylor, a man who has been captivating audiences throughout the country for more than 30 years with his ever-romantic rustic folk music.

He began his career at the legendary Club 47, the northeast equivalent of the Freight, in the '60s, and he continues to perform his time-tested mix of old and new tunes with a long, rich, and varied recording career that most recently has found him in the studio with Stink Baxter, Nicky Hopkins, and Keggie Hamilton. Copies of "Work In Progress," a limited edition tape from those sessions, will be available at the concert. The Freight is at 1111 Addison, Berkeley. Call 548-1761.



Berezan sings Sunday

Singer/songwriter Jennifer Berezan will lead "a musical prayer to heal the broken heart" this Sunday, 7 to 10 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Her appearance is a benefit to raise money to purchase a stand of old-growth redwoods for the Sacred Grove Women's Forest Sanctuary. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Berezan, who holds a graduate degree in religion, last year released the CD, *She Carries Me*, which includes a 23-minute meditative chant, "She Who Hears the Cries of the World." Her forthcoming album will be titled *The Turning of the World*.

Buddhist truth explored

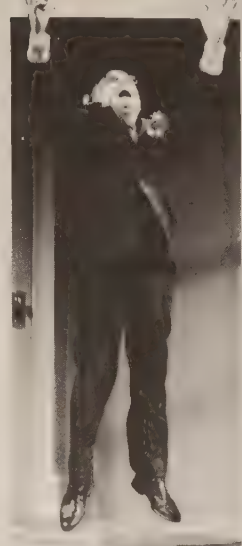
Poet/performer Ayize Jama-Everett uses his fresh, unfiltered perceptions of daily life to present a new look at "The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism" in his solo performance at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday at the Berkeley Store Gallery Annex, 2295 Shattuck Ave. Tickets are \$6, \$4. For information call 649-0272.

Unusual photo techniques

David Levinthal's current exhibit at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, titled, "Mein Kampf," provides a photographic view of the Holocaust. Called

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Something missing in 'Slavs!'



Ken Friedman

Kushner trademarks provide plenty of fun but really, what's it all about?

By Don McConnell

Tony Kushner seems to be running out of steam. Of course, coming on the heels of his epic *Angels in America* (more than eight hours spread over two evenings), the 90-minute, one-act *Slavs!* was bound to seem almost a skit by comparison.

It should be added that most of those 90 minutes are enlivened by Kushner's engaging trademarks — a freakish sense of the theatrical, an up-to-the-minute sense of humor, and an ability to deal with the most serious subjects without polemicizing.

Actually, that last trademark breaks down with a crash in the penultimate scene of *Slavs!* — in which a doctor tries to impress on a visiting bureaucrat the disastrous human consequences of nuclear pollution. The scene seems all message and so ponderously delivered that I kept waiting for a punch line, or at least for an indication that the polemic was an exploration of character rather



Uppobkin (Ken Grantham) leaps to his fate; lovers Katherina (Sheila Tousey) and Bonifila (Jeanne Paulsen) in Siberia.

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Markia Somogyi with her sculpture 'The Night of Broken Glass.' (Chester King Vego)

Sculptor seeks contributions to preserve Kristallnacht memorial

Born in Hungary, Marika Somogyi spent part of her childhood in hiding from the Nazis. Today she is an internationally known sculptor living in the East Bay, with works in the collections of the British Museum, the Smithsonian and other prestigious museums.

Somogyi has often dealt with the Holocaust, and with her Jewish identity, in her art. Now she seeks funding to recast her large work of remembrance, "The Night of Broken Glass," in bronze form that can preserve it for posterity. The piece is a powerful

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Spike Lee reveals life of 'Girl 6,' aspiring actress

By Renata Polt

Among the unrecognized fiction film genres is what I'll call the how-to movie, the kind that shows you how to break out of jail, say, or run (or wreck) a business, or conduct phone sex.

Phone sex? Spike Lee's new film, *Girl 6*, will tell you everything you need to know, and then some.

The film's heroine, played by Theresa Randle (*The King of New York*, *Jungle Fever*, *Malcolm X*), is an aspiring New York actress we first meet as she's making the rounds of humiliating auditions. An arrogant director (Quentin Tarantino) bullies her, finally asking her to show her breasts.

Though the actress is reluctant, she finally complies — for a second, before fleeing the audition. As she leaves, we see dozens of other hopefuls lining the corridor, waiting to be treated equally shabbily.

Things get worse. Her agent (John Turturro) fires her; her acting coach (Susan Baisson) chews her out, informing her that taking her top off is "the reality of

this business."

But a girl's gotta pay her rent, and the actress begins answering ads for sexy voices to turn on lonely men. Insisting that phone sex is another form of acting, the heroine signs on with Lil (Jennifer Lewis), the motherly boss of a pay-for-heavy-breathing operation, where she calls herself Lovely Brown but is officially known as Girl 6.

The film's title, and the fact that we don't find out Girl 6's real name until almost the last scene, suggest the dehumanization of this kinky corner of show biz — not to mention show biz itself, with its egocentric directors and cattle-call auditions. "Unless he requests, you're all white," says the boss to the multi-ethnic trainees. Girl 6, who's black, even loses her racial identity.

The scenes of the women plying their trade are amusing all right, but there are too many of them. It's as if Lee (and screenwriter Suzan-Lori Parks) were getting off on all the varieties of vocal titillation. Meanwhile, the plot is stalled in neutral.

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BSO audience welcomes Felciano's latest

Tchaikovsky raises goose bumps

■ Berkeley Symphony, Zellerbach Hall, March 20.

By Marilyn Tucker

The East Bay's big Tchaikovsky week began Wednesday, March 20, with the Berkeley Symphony's Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, Op. 36, getting the jump on the Oakland East Bay Symphony's Piano Concerto No. 1, which came two days later at the Paramount.

For the second time in two seasons, Berkeley's guest conductor at Zellerbach Hall was Laurent Pillot,

whose baton is a trusted one, as he is music director Kent Nagano's chief assistant conductor of the Lyon (France) Opera Orchestra.

In a program that also included good performances of Berkeley composer Richard Felciano's *Overture Concertante* for Clarinet and Orchestra and Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto in A Minor, Op. 33, it was the Tchaikovsky symphony that raised the most goose bumps. From the opening downbeat when Tchaikovsky first offers the brass fanfare in a startling "Fate" motif, to the majestic march that crowns the last movement, this was a fervent and potent retelling of the powerful emotions with which Tchaikovsky informed the program of his symphony.

Clarity was perhaps Pillot's main thrust. With so much sonic splendor at stake, Pillot, in a surprisingly evenhanded and understated podium manner, made his point loud and clear. It couldn't have been more thrilling. The Fourth was propelled more by the big picture of its architectural grandness, occasionally at the expense of subtlety of line.

Still, there were telling contrasts. There was no mistaking the melancholy weariness immediately felt in the plaintive melody introduced by the oboe (Deborah Shidler, principal) in the slow movement or the whimsical fascination in the quick-time pizzicatos of the Scherzo.

The Symphony No. 4, to which the composer had returned as a kind of emotional purging following the rupture of his ill-advised marriage, has or should have a similar purifying effect on a listener. If contemporary advice had been current in 1877 when Tchaikovsky began his work, he might indeed have been urged to "let it all hang out." Unable to be honest about his sexual preference, he manages to vent his feelings of "resignation, fruitless longing, despair," as he referred to them in his letters, in his music. And the world has a masterpiece

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S.F. Ballet brings classic, premiere, to Zellerbach Hall

The San Francisco Ballet will perform a full-length production of one of ballet's most beloved classics, *Swan Lake*, at Zellerbach Hall at UC Berkeley beginning tomorrow.

Performances of Tchaikovsky's masterpiece, accompanied by full, live orchestration, are scheduled for March 29-31 and April 2-4 and 12-13.

Alternating with *Swan Lake* with performances April 5-6, 9-11 and 14 is a program comprising *Nanna's Lied*, *Terra Firma*, and *The Waltz Project*.

Nanna's Lied, inspired by the songs of Kurt Weill and choreographed by Helgi Tomasson, is "filled with passion, powerful images, and naked emotions."

James Kudelka's *Terra Firma*, another powerful piece, is set to Michael Torke's *Color Music*.

The Waltz Project, a San Francisco Ballet premiere, features choreography by Peter Martins to the music of various composers.

Call 642-9988 for ticket information.



Girl 6, (Theresa Randle) dreams about the 60s.

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"chilling yet seductive," Levinthal's dramatically lit, soft-focus photographs use "dolls"—toy soldiers and models—to represent the Nazi machine and its victims.

Photographed in large-format Polaroid, diorama-like images require precision preparation. Like most of Levinthal's conceptual art, they both draw the viewer in and comment viewing history through media.

The Magnes Museum is at 2911 Russell St. Call 549-6950 for hours.

Fantasy bake-off

Fantasy writer J.V. Jones, author of *A Man Betrayed* and the No. 1 bestseller *The Baker's Boy*, will sign and read at The Other Change of Hobbit Bookstore in Berkeley on Friday, April 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. In honor of her ground-breaking *The Baker's Boy*, The Other Change of Hobbit will be hosting a special bake-off the day of the signing to be judged by author Jones. Second and third prize will be Other Change of Hobbit gift certificates, and a very special first prize will be announced at the signing. The Other Change of Hobbit is at 2020 Shattuck Ave. Call 848-0413.



Aurora presents Pinter

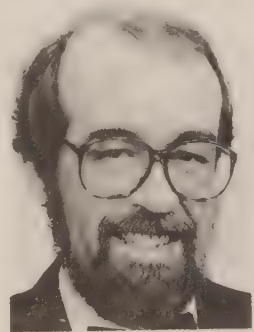
Aurora Theatre Company will preview *A Kind of Alaska* (and other locations) tomorrow through Sunday. The production will open April 4. All performances are at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The four short plays by Harold Pinter, directed by Tom Ross, feature Timothy Flanagan, Michael Flynn, Penelope Kreitzer and Stacy Ross. They include *Applicant, Night, Silence* and *A Kind of Alaska*.

Arranged in chronological order, the four selections take the audience from Pinter's early to his more mature work to allow the audience to witness the artistic and stylistic development of the playwright in one evening.

Pop to jazz to classical to....

Said Oscar Peterson of this week's Maybeck featured pianist 'I love Roger Kellaway; he knows the tradition and he's not afraid.' Hear Kellaway reveal his own style this Sunday at 4 at Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid, Berkeley. Tickets are \$25. To reserve call 848-3228.



'Slavs!'

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than what it appeared to be—a cliché-ridden rant. But that disappointing scene was an exception.

The play is a series of vignettes from the breakup of the Soviet Union, assembled and constructed to explore the human and the humorous amidst the upheaval of larger events (or as the press release puts it, "to explore how ordinary people move through a world shaped by great events outside their control").

In the two Kushner plays I've seen (*Angels and Slavs!*), the playwright's genius lies in dancing around huge social issues without engaging them; he concentrates instead on the individual tales of his characters. In *Angels* we follow the decline of the infamous Roy Cohn as he succumbs to AIDS (a fictional treatment of an actual event), but it's presented as an exercise in the ultimate powerlessness of a consummate power broker. Even that interpretation has to come from the viewer: Kushner treats Cohn as a comic grotesque, brought on stage for our amusement.

Sounds like a putdown, but I credit Kushner with creating almost "perfect" theater—the theatrical equivalent of "absolute music." It's like a fugue of Bach as opposed to a Mass—you're free to read into the fugue any profundity you care to, but don't expect any explicit validation by the composer.

When Kushner calls his play (to use its complete title) *Slavs! Thinking About the Longstanding Problems of Virtue and Happiness*, it can't be taken seriously. It echoes the subtitles of chapters in 19th-century melodramas ("in which our heroine discovers that evil can parade as virtue").

Most of *Slavs!* proceeds with the wacky extremity we expect of Kushner. Typical are the first few scenes, set in 1985 Moscow, as very elderly officials, weighed down by their rows of medals, try to cope with the new era of glasnost.

The first scenes are right out of *Monty Python*, especially the opening scene. Two "babushkas" sweep snow from the steps to the parliament building as they fiercely debate the future of socialism at an undecipherable level of abstraction. When some officials arrive, the women immediately assume the role of mindless peasants, joking about the weather, until the men leave. Then, "Where were we?" says one, and the ideological fight resumes.

The same joke is continued through the next scenes inside the

parliament. The officials have spouted this stuff so long that it's all they can say—or permit themselves to think. The notion that their country may soon embrace (shudder) capitalism so excites one apparatchik that he falls dead mid-diatribe.

His equally feeble colleague, however, is ready to leap into the future, which he expresses by literally leaping around the room—until he too falls dead.

Suddenly the scene changes to a medical facility in which are stored the pickled brains of Lenin and the other "greats" of the Revolution. The job of caretaking these relics—that is, monitoring the jars of brains on a row of TV screens—has been given to a jaded young lesbian (sort of a Soviet punker).

The job is the result of a favor by yet another aging apparatchik, who is smitten with the girl. She bears his pathetic wooing (complete with love songs accompanied on a guitar) in return for cigarettes. Far from granting her patron any favors, the girl flaunts her illegal relationship with a highly principled woman doctor. The apparatchik reminds them that he could easily transfer them to some frozen outpost of the empire—and indeed, the next scene is set seven years later in Siberia.

But now Kushner has run out of jokes. The doctor could return to Moscow if she wished, but she cannot bring herself to desert the strange "yellow children"—the mute, short-lived mutants being born in the shadow of nuclear waste dumps.

One of these children, the otherworldly Vodya, is the equivalent of the angel in *Angels in America*. There's no similarity in character, but Vodya sweeps the drama to the level of the surreal, taking it to its final scene as she arrives in heaven to join the two officials who died in the earlier scene. Now they all spout ideology, even the girl, who has gained a voice which she uses to talk like a socialist textbook.

If this description sounds bewildering, then it matches the play. *Slavs!* zips past, a pleasant, occasionally hilarious interlude. Yet at the end, you get the sense that Kushner is not really engaged either his subject or—far worse—his characters at any depth. The one "serious" scene—in which the doctor passionately pleads the case of the damaged children—comes off trite and halfhearted.

Many of the performances are wonderful, especially the old men—Wayne Ballantyne as Vassily Vorovich Smukov, Ken Grantham (the best of all) as Serge

Watercolor show



Marge Drew, a romantic aqua media painter, presents her latest floral portraits at Albany Arts Gallery through April 12. The gallery is located at 1251 Solano Ave; hours are Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 6 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Call 526-9558. Above is Drew's watercolor 'A Flower of Her Own.'

Girl 6

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More revealing are Girl 6's own fantasy movie roles, ranging from ones played by her idol, black mid-century actress Dorothy Dandridge (*Carmen Jones*) to '60s-style blaxploitation parts featuring giant Afros.

Girl 6 confides in her neighbor Jimmy (played by Lee), a collector of baseball memorabilia who urges her to get out of the business, and she dodges her ex-husband (Isaiah Washington), a career shoplifter who'd like to get back together. There are cameos by Madonna, Ron Silver, model Naomi Campbell, and Halle Berry. Debi Mazar plays Girl 39, 6's pal. Songs are by The Singer Apparently Again Known as Prince.

But what really matters—and we finally get to this—is Girl 6's growing involvement in her job and her clients' lives. When she makes the cardinal mistake of giving out her home phone number, she sets herself up for a descent into the depths of humiliation, a trip not too effectively symbolized by her fascination with a news story about a child's fall down an elevator shaft.

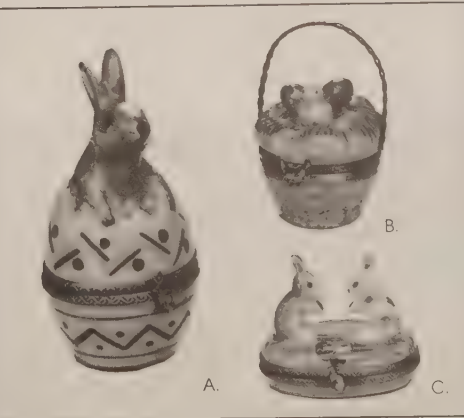
Girl 6's attempt to sort out what's real and what's not brings her ultimately to greater self-knowledge, and the film ends on an upbeat note. It's Spike Lee's sexiest, funniest, and least polemic movie since *She's Gotta Have It*.

But if Lee is appalled by directors who make actresses show their breasts, why does he do it himself?

Esmereldovich Upgobkin, Jack Axelrod as Aleksii Antediluvianovich Prelapsarianov (all of whom are funnier than their labored names).

The production, as usual with this company, is first-rate. Tony Taccone directs. The spare sets are by Kate Edmunds; the innovative sound effects (especially the echo effects that simulate a huge auditorium) are by Stephen LeGrand.

Slavs! plays at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, with 2 p.m. matinees on two Thursdays (March 28 and April 11) and Saturday, April 6, all at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. Tickets are \$25 to \$34. Call 845-4700.

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Symphony

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because of it.

The Tchaikovsky Fourth capped a red-hot program that began with the Felciano commission. Anyone familiar with the large canon of Felciano's orchestral music knows that he is not so much interested in applying emotional content within a formal structure as he is in exploring the nature of sound.

In his Overture Concertante, Felciano has pitted a solo clarinet against a large orchestra, given them a basic musical problem involving the minor third and major second, and then develops this simple idea into a texturally thick and fully worked out musical mosaic. In slight mutation and development, the same musical material might be playful, plaintive or oozing with romantic warmth. The piece began and ended with a big bang. In between, it was like a game for a trained ear to predict Felciano's next musical move. Predictably, he kept his cards close to his chest.

Jean-Michel Bertelli, first clarinetist in the Lyon orchestra, was the soloist for this engaging game of music. The orchestral playing glistered with authority.

As usual, the Berkeley audience refused to shut itself out from a "new" piece of music, responding, quite rightly, with generous warmth.

The juices flowed freely in the Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto, for which Emil Miland served as a spirited soloist. Miland has been a major player on the local music scene since he was a teenager, when, among other preoccupations, he figured prominently with the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra, a heady musical institution in its early glory days under conductor Denis de Coteau.

Miland's playing in the Saint-Saëns was marked by a full measure of elegance and charm, with a tone that was both stalwart and melting. In a stable and deft partnership, both

Miland and the orchestra embraced the richness of melodic material as well as the virtuosity and brilliance from which no listener is long immune.

It may be a chestnut, you yourself saying, but it's my chestnut.

1996-97 Season

With this program, the Berkeley Symphony included a preview of the 1996-97 season. Six concerts scheduled, including two premieres of the U.S. premiere of late French composer Claude Messiaen's *Saint Francois d'Assise* in April 1997. Messiaen, of course, the composer on whom Kent Nagano staked his reputation very early in his career with the Berkeley Symphony and long before he became an international musical figure. Messiaen's a vital figure in Nagano's development, and Nagano will conduct performances.

The season begins Sept. 4, Nagano conducting the U.S. premiere of George Benjamin's *Three Songs for Chamber Orchestra* in a program that includes Brahms' *Serious Songs* and Elgar's *Symphony No. 1*.

On Nov. 30, Nagano will conduct George Crumb's *Echoes of Time* with soloist Stuart Canin, Sibelius' *Symphony No. 7*.

Guest conductor Heitor Ohyama takes over Jan. 18 for Francisco composer Kirke Meader's *Symphony No. 1*, Max Bruch's *Cello Concerto No. 1* with Michelle Kim, and Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8*.

The Messiaen *Saint Francois d'Assise* concerts are scheduled April 25 and 26, 1997, and the season will close May 15, 1997, with Nagano conducting the world premiere David Sheinfeld's *E=mc²* with Kronos Quartet as guest performers. Mozart's *Symphony No. 35* and Bartok's *Miraculous Mandarin*

Sculpture

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tribute to the victims of Kristallnacht—Nov. 9-10, 1938—when the Nazis and their supporters raided Jewish homes and synagogues throughout Germany. An evocative work, "The Night of Broken Glass" allows the viewer to see its large curved mass as shelter or as threat, as womb or as coffin, its two figures amid pieces of rough-cut glass as perhaps struggling, perhaps clinging or embracing.

Since 1976, the original version of "The Night of Broken Glass," crafted in hydrostone plaster and coated in acrylic paint, has been installed on the grounds of the Judah Magnes Museum in Berkeley. However, despite the artist's original hopes, conservation work in 1988, and regular professional consultation by the Magnes with Somogyi and conservation experts, time has taken its toll on these materials.

Since a bronze casting of "The Night of Broken Glass" could stand up to the elements while retaining the work's monumental character, the artist is asking community support to develop such a casting.

To create the bronze "The Night

of Broken Glass" will cost an estimated \$20,000 to \$25,000. Casting of the mold—the first step, estimated \$5,000—is most urgent given the delicacy of the current situation. Both Somogyi and the Magnes Museum are urging all concerned to art memorializing the victims of the Holocaust to support this endeavor.

"The Night of Broken Glass," the only sculpture in the United States commemorating the November 1938 pogrom known as "Kristallnacht," noted historian Sybil Milton in *Fitting Memory: The Art and Politics of Holocaust Memorials*.

For information on how to support

important project, contact Somogyi at 527-1261, fax 527-3734.

Somogyi, winner of the 1991 Treasury competition for the Rushmore silver dollar coin, has received numerous honors, including numismatics commissions from the University and from the Magnes. Statue of Liberty Medal was given for the Statue of Liberty National Monument Museum. Her work is in the collections of the British Museum, Smithsonian, Swedish Museum, National Gallery of Art, and elsewhere.

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Contingent sale caveats

cept contingent sale offers because the buyers have a legitimate way out of the contract, if their house doesn't sell. Sellers can wait in vain. Suppose the buyers are unrealistic about the value of their home and they price it too high for the market? Overpriced listings don't sell no matter how good the market is. If the sellers have an urgent need to sell their house, a contingent sale offer may be out of the question.

A house that isn't selling quickly might be a good candidate for a contingent sale offer. Find out why the house isn't selling. Is there something wrong with it that would make it unacceptable to you, or is it not selling because the market is slow? The house might not be selling because it's priced too high. You may be able to buy this house on a contingent sale basis, but you may have to pay more for it than you would if you could make a contingency-free offer.

Sellers who are willing to consider

'It's risky to make an offer that is not contingent on the sale of your house.'

a contingent sale offer, will usually want the purchase contract to include a release clause. A release clause permits the sellers to continue to offer their house for sale to other buyers. If another buyer makes an offer that is acceptable to the sellers, it's accepted as a backup offer. It will only become the primary offer if the first buyers can't remove their contingent sale contingency by the contract deadline.

A release clause can specify any deadline that's mutually agreed to by the buyers and sellers. The most common is a 72-hour time period (called a "72-hour release clause"). When the sellers accept a backup offer, they then notify the primary buyers that the 72-hour clock is ticking. If the first buyers can't remove their sale

contingency within 72 hours they must withdraw and let the second buyers have the house. In this case, the first buyers get their deposit money back, but they lose the house.

The best approach to take with a contingent sale offer, if you can find agreeable sellers, is to specify in the contract that the release clause won't go into effect for a period of time—say, two or three weeks. This gives you a chance to get your house sold before the release clause is activated.

In order for this strategy to work, your house must be ready to put on the market, and it must be priced to sell. Market factors are critical. To sell quickly, there must be a decent demand for the kind of house you're selling.

It's risky to make an offer that is not contingent on the sale of your house when, in fact, you need to sell in order to buy. The most prudent approach is to sell your old house first, then buy the new one, contingent on the closing of the old house.

Dian Hymer is a broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," (Chronicle Books).

Legal assistance available

Some lawyers are accused of being "suit-happy" and confrontational, but a group of attorneys have pulled together to create a new organization providing alternative dispute resolution services specifically for real estate disputes.

"Real Estate Neutrals" is made up of 35 Bay Area lawyers who have practiced extensively in the real estate field and who are qualified to serve as dispute resolvers for the industry, the courts and their fellow members of the bar.

Two attorney-mediators who were instrumental in the formation of the group are Michael Carbone of Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean in Oakland and Richard Stratton of Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon in San Francisco.

Stratton and Carbone said that they became interested in forming the group last year after talking to a number of fellow practitioners about the need for good arbitrators and mediators who are knowledgeable in real estate law and willing to provide their services at reasonable rates.

According to Carbone, these conversations led them to form this network. "I believe that Real Estate

Neutrals will be a valuable resource for real estate practitioners, the courts, property management firms, Realtors, and anyone else interested in resolving a real estate dispute," he said.

The organization has published a booklet which contains the resume of each member. Real Estate Neutrals is not a company or firm, and has no central administrative office. The members are each distributing the booklet to those individuals who they feel would have a need to utilize our services or make a referral to parties who are involved in a dispute.

Included within the network are attorneys who will act as arbitrators, mediators, special masters, referees or early neutral evaluators. Most of the attorneys have received formal training in mediation. In addition, most members have special expertise in one or more aspects of real estate law, such as brokerage, finance, leasing, sales, land use or construction.

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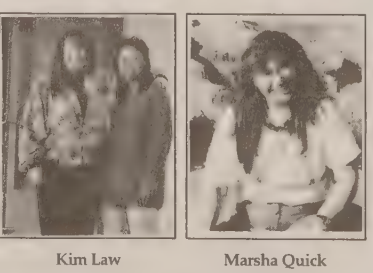
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Kim Law

Marsha Quick

Agent of the Week - Marsha Quick

A real estate veteran since 1976, Marsha Quick and her family live in El Cerrito. Her husband Dale Quick was one of the original 'founding fathers' of Red Oak Realty. Marsha combines an active life with being one of the most positive and knowledgeable East-bay agents. Marsha credits her high quality clientele to her new pet project, *Woman To Woman* homebuyer's seminar. She keeps negotiation skills fine-tuned by volunteering for the Berkeley Dispute Resolution Service as a mediator. Scrabble, mountain biking and Grandmothering are her hobbies. If you'd like to know more about her homebuyer's seminar call her at (510) 527-3387 Ext. 107.

HOMES OPEN SUNDAY

10 Forest Lane (2-4)	Berkeley	6bd/3+ba	\$770,000
449 Boynton (2-4)	Berkeley	3bd/2+ba	\$375,000
1665 Visalia (2-4)	Berkeley	3bd/2ba	\$359,000
942 The Alameda (2-4/30)	Berkeley	3bd/1ba	\$279,000
2029 Channing (2-4)	Berkeley	2bd/1ba	\$159K-189K
1812 A/B 6th St (2-4)	Berkeley	1bd/2ba	\$205K-219K
837 Elm (2-4)	El Cerrito	2+bd/1ba	\$169,000
4323 Essex	Emeryville	2bd/1ba	\$161,000
280 Lexington (2-4)	Kensington	5bd/2+ba	\$449,000
263 Amherst	Kensington	2bd/2ba	\$233,000
1076 65th St	NW Oakland	2bd/1ba	\$139,000
4601 Harbor Dr (2-4)	Upper Rockridge	3bd/1+ba	\$289,500
867 Skyline Blvd	Oakland/Rockridge	3bd/2+ba	\$349,000
94 Bayo Vista	Oakland/Piedmont	1bd/1ba	\$86,000
324 Commodore	Richmond	2bd/2.5 ba	\$147,900
5506 Sacramento	Richmond Annex	2bd/1ba	\$149,900

ALBANY

Affordable 2br-near Marin Sch, central heat, lg kit. \$179,000

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2bd/1ba light & airy! Frplc, hwd flrs, terrific open kit. \$175,000

BERKELEY

Simply spectacular renovation, decks, views. \$698,000

Over 4000 sq ft, 5bd/5ba, courtyard, flexible floor plan! \$675,000

Wonderful 5bd/4ba No. Berkeley. New cook's kitchen. \$650,000

Mediterranean magic! 4bd/3ba, courtyard & more! \$495,000

2 separate buildings, terrific location. \$390,000

Queen Victorian 5+bd/2.25ba gem. Walk to Cal. \$359,000

Front/back mirror image units-quiet N. Berk St. \$219,000

Great sunny 3bd/1ba unit-spacious LR/DR areas \$189,000

Turn of the century 2bd/1ba sun filled condo.	\$179,000
Spacious 2bd/1ba TIC .5 duplex. Natural wood	\$155,000
Unique 2bd/1ba live/work space - newer roof	\$149,900
New 1 bd city home near UC, BART, shops	\$143,000
Nice size 2bd/1ba with separate workshop.	\$139,000

CASTRO VALLEY

| Spacious 4+bd/3+ba on 1/2 acre - pool | \$499,950 |
| Custom 4bd/3ba, 3,000sq ft on 1 level, low maint yard | \$449,950 |

EL CERRITO

8 units, townhouse style, bedrooms up, decks & garage.	\$725,000
Bau-haus 1800 sq ft, deck w/pano view. 5bd/4ba, pool.	\$650,000
6 identical units with terrific views.	\$499,000
Sunny 4bd/2+ba near Solano Ave & Fairmount shops.	\$299,000
Sunny listing! 3bd/2ba, lush garden, fab fam rm.	\$255,000
Hilltop school! Pano view, 2bd 1ba, quiet neighborhood.	\$219,000
Well maint. home near BART. 2-story floor plan.	\$129,900

EMERYVILLE

| Classic craftsman in excellent condition with 2 units. | \$225,000 |

KENSINGTON

| 2bd 1ba, painted in/out- refinished hardwood floors | \$229,900 |

OAKLAND

Temascal, ten 2bd/1ba units - 3bd/2ba home	\$699,000
Luxury @ bargain price! 3bd/3 ba, sauna, library	\$479,000
Level 2+bd/1.5ba, private on wooded setting.	\$229,000
Two large flats, very spacious 3bd/2ba.	\$210,000
Maximum charm, sun & space! Ideal 3bd/2ba starter	\$140,000
Great starter 2bd/1ba, large kitchen.	\$109,950

RICHMOND

Turn of the century investment property.	\$485,000
RESIDENTIAL INCOME! 5bd/3ba.	\$195,000
Large living room, 2bd/1ba fixer	\$155,000

Lovingly maintained 3bd/1ba with remodeled kitchen.	\$99,000
Sharp starter, low maintenance, 1-car detached, hwd.	\$95,000
Spacious 3bd/1ba w/large backyard, frplc, built-ins	\$89,500

RICHMOND ANNEX

| Wow! Gorgeous bay vu! 2bd/1+ba, well maintained | \$175,000 |

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2+bd/1ba, lovely home w/view & large yard	\$157,000
2bd/1.5ba townhome-move in condition, Villa Mira!	\$139,950

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1041 Broadway - \$223,000
3271 Fillmore - \$265,000
17 Garden Rd. - \$135,000
1920 Lafayette - \$242,000
323 Laguna Vista - \$270,000
347 Laguna Vista - \$110,000
1518 Mozart St. - \$185,000
3457 Oleander - \$180,000
554 Pacific Ave. - \$155,000
778 Pacific Ave. - \$188,000
305 Santa Clara - \$150,000
2101 Shoreline - \$141,000
1801 Wood St. - \$188,500

ALBANY
555 Pierce St. 1210 - \$105,500

BERKELEY
2427 8th St. - \$115,000
1701 Capistrano - \$290,000
1455 Catherine Dr. - \$231,000
2029 Channing, A4 - \$185,000
3017 College, 1 - \$132,500
1804 Dwight, 1 - \$129,000
1406 Euclid Ave. - \$219,500
1836 Francisco St. - \$201,500
1927 Francisco St. - \$300,000
2323 Glen Ave. - \$265,000
2016 Grant St. - \$150,000
54 Gravit Dr. - \$118,000
1320 Haskell St. - \$155,000
1912 Henry St. - \$168,000
1430 Keoncrest - \$224,000
3108 Lewiston Ave. - \$527,000
677 Neilson St. - \$262,000
1513 North St. - \$282,000
2924 Shasta Rd. - \$270,000
1790 Thousand Oaks - \$275,000

397 Vassar Ave. - \$315,000
30 Vicente Pl. - \$112,500
EL CERRITO
1125 Brewster Dr. - \$250,000
EMERYVILLE
1262 64th St. - \$117,000
2 Admiral, 279b - \$104,000
6 Commodore, 334c - \$264,000

OAKLAND
6280 Acacia Ave. - \$115,000
2432 Burlington - \$305,000
740 Canyon Oaks - \$144,000
3928 Carrington - \$115,000
37 Chimney Rock - \$213,500
3770 Delmont - \$208,000
2137 East 23 St. - \$171,000
5 Embarcadero 137 - \$85,000
988 Franklin, 405 - \$239,000
988 Franklin, 804 - \$185,000
3748 Fruitvale - \$135,000
4859 Geranium Pl. - \$310,000
3619 Hageman Ave. - \$133,000
3516 Harrison St. - \$180,000
5316 Hilltop Cr. - \$380,000
5321 Holland St. - \$100,000
3135 Holyrood Dr. - \$375,000
5665 La Salle Ave. - \$538,000
3629 Laurel Ave. - \$150,000
10540 Mark St. - \$124,000
3886 Maybelle - \$155,000
5846 McAndrew - \$227,000
3404 School St. - \$200,000
9475 Skyline - \$227,500
200 Stantonville - \$183,500
424 Staten Ave. - \$98,000
7 Truitt Ln. - \$274,000

288 Whitmore St. - \$78,500
288 Whitmore St. - \$130,000
5926 Whitney St. - \$152,500

PIEDMONT
952 Kingston Ave. - \$345,000

SAN LEANDRO
2318 Barrow St. - \$158,000
184 Bowling Green - \$152,000
402 Caliente Dr. - \$103,000
910 Castle St. - \$182,000
384 Dolores Ave. - \$140,000
1862 Hays St. - \$137,000
1512 Hickory Ave. - \$167,000
14613 Julietta St. - \$130,500
922 Kramer St. - \$180,000
381 Lexington - \$124,000
949 Oakes Blvd. - \$192,000
14968 Portofino - \$200,000
462 Violet St. - \$146,000

SAN LORENZO
1335 Culver Pl. - \$130,000
924 Elgin St. - \$108,000
16143 Via Chiquita - \$139,000
16142 Via Harriet - \$180,000
1036 Via Honda - \$143,000
16051 Via Toledo - \$152,000
1381 Via Vista - \$201,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 13

LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$270,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$187,115

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$105,500

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 22
LOWEST PRICE: \$112,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$527,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$223,954

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$250,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$104,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$264,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$161,666

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$78,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$538,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$197,716

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$345,000

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$200,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$154,730

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$108,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$201,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$150,428

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DaMert leased 32,000 square feet of industrial space at 1415 from Cedar Fourth Street. Of the total square footage will be used for office space as research and development assembly and distribution company's product.

Mueller teamed up with Politeo, former industrial real estate agent, to facilitate the transaction. DaMert Company signs educational toys, puzzles and mobiles and employs approximately 25 people who representatives nationwide. The transaction marks a relocation expansion for the company's quarters, which was located in Leandro.

Mueller has been with Grubb & Ellis since 1984, starting in sales and evolving into a top 10 specialist in industrial properties in Hayward and Union City. He earned a bachelor's degree in science from the University of California at Berkeley.

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46 STARVIEW DR - Stunning Townhome - Great style & quality in this 3BD/3BA Hiller Highlands unit. Features slate entry, hwd flrs, large master & much more! **OLLIE HAMMEREL**.....\$439,000
13708 CAMPUS DR - Stunning Ridgmont Contemporary - Approx. 2700 sq ft. on exquisite lot. Beautiful canyon view, dramatic marble entry - vaulted ceiling in living room. Level out to yard, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. **SHERRY BENNINGER**.....\$399,000
25 KINGWOOD RD - Sweeping San Francisco View - This contemporary 6-year-old home was designed around the fabulous views. Master suite, family room, den, eat-in kitchen, 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths. **SHERRY BENNINGER**.....\$379,000
11 GRASS VALLEY CT - Chabot Park Estates - Incredible! Approx. .95 acres on cul-de-sac. Fenced pool. 3BD/3BA + family room. Country feeling. Near regional park **STACY WINETT**.....\$355,000
34 KINGWOOD RD - Just Listed! - Beautifully appointed contemporary. Master BD with frplc, living rm w/frplc, hwd flrs & tiled baths. Hot tub & private deck. **RUTH LOCKHART**.....\$349,000
12858 BROOKPARK - Parkridge Charming - Utterly charming, Pella French doors, window seats, handpainted tiles. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, with stone fireplace, private garden, views! **EVELYN WALKER**.....\$299,000
5814 SNAKE RD - Serene Retreat - Walk to Montclair Village from this sparkling contemporary with walls of glass. 2BD/2.5BA, office/au pair. **DELL M. ORR**.....\$289,000
5130 LAWTON AVE - Rockridge - Attractive bungalow. Hwd floors, Charming 2BD/1BA, terrific neighborhood. Large lot with 20x40 detached building. **DON COELHO**.....\$215,000

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33 SOTELO.....PIEDMONT.....3BD, 4.5BA.....\$759,000.....NORM ROBINOW
14 CLIPPER HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....4BD, 3BA.....\$585,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
19 CALVERT CT.....PIEDMONT.....3BD, 2BA.....\$519,000.....DIAN HYMER
8971 RIDGEMOOR RD.....OAKLAND HILLS.....4BD, 3.5BA.....\$475,000.....FRITZ HOCHFELLNER
1864 GRANDVIEW.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 3BA.....\$459,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
2843 BURTON DR.....PIEDMONT PINES.....4BD, 3BA.....\$455,000.....KAY GRUBB
5779 BALMORAL DR.....HILLCREST HGHLDS.....5BD, 3+BA.....\$439,000.....RUBY NG
6680 AMY DR.....UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....4BD, 3BA.....\$429,000.....MICHAEL THOMPSON
5840 THORNHILL.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$379,000.....EVELYN WALKER
6164 BULLARD.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 2BA.....\$379,000.....JACK BRENNEMAN
8390 SKYLINE.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 3BA.....\$375,000.....PAT WHITTINGSLOW
268 MARLOW DR.....SHEFFIELD VILLAGE.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$237,000.....JOHN NIELSEN
3752 FRUITVALE.....UPPER DIMOND.....2BD, 1BA.....\$159,000.....VICKY FAULK

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BERKELEY UPLANDS.....\$599,000
Gorgeous 8 year old contemporary has top drawer details. 4BD/2+BA with luxurious master retreat & many extras. **Ruth Lockhart**
BIG HOUSE! BIG LOT! BIG BAY VIEW!.....\$525,000
4 bedrooms, plus rm and art studio, family rm, dark rm and huge yard. Montclair schools. **Vicky Faulk**
CLAREMONT AREA.....\$419,000
Dramatic new contemporary with sweeping bay views. Gourmet kitchen, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings and great natural light. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. **Darcy Diamantine**
QUIET & PRIVATE.....\$353,000
Yet close to Montclair Village. Large 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath custom contemporary. Tri-level floor plan - indoor spa & solarium. **Fritz Hochfellner**

MONTCLAIR.....\$349,900
Montclair setting & traditional ambience. 3BD/2BA, gourmet kitchen, family room. Level-out to secluded patio/lawn area. **Ruby Ng**
WONDERFUL CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL.....\$339,000
Beautifully restored and in move-in condition. 3 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen, formal dining, rumpus. **Dian Hymer**
MONTCLAIR.....\$279,000
Contemporary home with spacious living rm, 4BD, 2BA, rec rm. Newer kitchen and carpet. Newly painted. Nice! **Nancy Dickey/Ollie Hammerel**
TAHOE IN MONTCLAIR.....\$249,000
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PRICED TO SELL.....\$249,000
Montclair. Charming ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 updated baths, wooded setting - lots of yard, decks, skylights & hardwood floors. **Adriana Giacomelli**
SUNNY TOWNHOUSE.....\$244,900
Excellent, spacious living! With TLC this 2+BD, 2.5BA could be a stunning formal home. Good commute. Great buy! **Marilyn Bremser**

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953 HILLSIDE.....ALBANY.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$245,000.....MAMOOD MOKTAR
610 MADISON.....ALBANY.....2BR/1BA.....\$205,000.....KIM CLEVELAND
758 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/3BA.....\$525,000.....GABY OLANDER
1627 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....5+BR/3BA.....\$465,000.....SALLY HENDRICKSON
725 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....4BR/2BA.....\$445,000.....TINA WIDIA
737 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$389,500.....CHRIS COHN
1228 SHATTUCK.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/3BA.....\$339,900.....MONA THOMPSON
30 POPLAR.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2BA.....\$335,000.....KAREN BRAND
2389 HILGARD.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2+BA.....\$279,000.....LINDA GERSON
2312 PRINCE #B.....BERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$169,000.....JERRY LONG
1020 JONES.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$164,000.....NACIO JAN BROWN
1404 HENRY #4.....BERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$158,000.....HEIDI LONG
1504 CARLETON #B.....BERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$129,000.....TRICIA SWIFT
743 ALBERMARLE.....EL CERRITO.....2BR/1BA.....\$209,000.....LINDA GOLDMAN
18 WILDWOOD PL.....EL CERRITO.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$184,000.....DIANA KAY
421 OCEAN VIEW.....KENSINGTON.....2BR/1BA.....\$249,000.....JEANNE MCHUGH
615 HUMBOLDT.....RICHMOND.....2BR/1BA.....\$189,000.....RITA ZWERDLING
2874 BROOK.....SAN PABLO.....3BR/1BA.....\$119,000.....THE LONGS

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Spacious and elegant with beautiful architectural details. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths plus studio, three levels, two fireplaces, refinished hardwood floors. This very large beauty is a must see!

EXQUISITE BERKELEY HILLS TUDOR.....\$525,000
Bay views! Level in to tiled foyer! Large LR, formal dining w/French doors to deck. 4BR, 3BA, master suite has spa/bath, beautifully updated throughout.

HANDSOME NORTH BERKELEY TRADITIONAL.....\$495,000
JUST LISTED! Location, size and charm, what more could you ask for? 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, formal dining, gracious living room and den, refinished hardwood/softwood floors. Incredible rear yard/patio with botanical dream garden.

BERKELEY OLD WORLD CHARM.....\$375,000
Incredibly warm, charming & spacious 3BR, 2BA in the Berkeley hills. Tudor style with formal dining, decks, bay views. Freshly painted, ready to move-in.

SPARKLING NORTH BERKELEY REMODEL.....\$349,000
Large! 4 bedroom, 2 bath home near Hopkins track, pool & tennis courts, and Northbrae shopping. Great kitchen, hwd floors, fireplace & slate entry. A lot of beautiful house for the money!

SERENE BERKELEY OASIS.....\$339,500
Top area across from Live Oak Park, private, quiet set back from street! 3 bedroom, 3 bath with downstairs in-law with separate entrance. Formal dining, flexible floor plan, walk to gourmet ghetto.

LOVELY IN NORTH BERKELEY.....\$335,000
Views, views, views! 3BR, 2BA with hwd flrs, deck & garden. Bonus fam & plus rms, & workshop too.

SUNNY BAY VIEW KENSINGTON HOME.....\$279,000
3BR, 1.5BA with gleaming hwd floors & sprawling bay views. Good floor plan, wonderful backyard, good Kensington neighborhood and 2 car garage.

LOTS ★ LOTS ★ LOTS

2 FOR THE PRICE OF 1.....\$155,000
3 lots in the Claremont area may be subdivided into 2 buildable parcels. Price incl. existing survey, engineering rpts & plans for 2 homes. Owner may carry.

MAGICAL MONTCLAIR SETTING.....\$259,000
Lovely contemporary set into a hillside at the end of a cul-de-sac, private & quiet with canyon views. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Seller has bought another home and is ready to make a deal.

REMODELED KENSINGTON CHARMER.....\$249,000
JUST LISTED! Near the circle with restaurants and shops. Remodeled throughout! Sun-filled 2 bedroom home with new kitchen that opens to a lovely quiet garden.

COSMETIC FIXER, ALBANY HILL.....\$245,000
Contemporary style home with 3 bedrooms, 2+ baths, hwd floors & beautiful hill views. Easy commute. Motivated sellers, make offer!

GET OUT OF TOWN!.....\$228,000
See what you'll gain by heading a few miles North! Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath quality contemporary with family room and a gorgeous landscaped level garden with wooded hills beyond. A garage too!

ADORABLE BERKELEY COTTAGE.....\$199,000
Sun-filled cottage in top gourmet ghetto location. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, skylights, fireplace, lush private yard.

DIMOND DISTRICT OAKLAND CHARMER.....\$162,000
2 bedrooms, 1 bath with formal dining and bay windows. Extra large garden with fruit trees and deck.

BERKELEY BUNGALOW, CRAFTSMAN DETAIL.....\$150,000
Spacious 2 bedroom with large kitchen, formal dining and fireplace at this incredible price. Move-in condition, nice yard.

BARGAIN COUNTRY.....\$109,000
Two bedroom 40's home, fresh white color, new carpet, peccan carpeting, refurbished bath. Everything's up to snuff but the kitchen. Detached garage on large corner lot abounding with red camellias. Quiet Richmond neighborhood.

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Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

ACCI Gallery, 1562 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley will exhibit To Cast

A Shadow, a collection of landscape images and garden objects featuring Rod Titus, well-known Bay Area painter and printmaker.

The show will also include Northern California artists George Ann Bowers' mixed media, Kate Cameron's photography and Bill Creitz' sculpture. The exhibit runs

March 29 - April 28 with a reception for the artists Fri., March 29, 6-9 p.m. Visit the gallery Tues.-Sat., 10:30 to 5:30 noon-5, Sun. Call 843-2527 for more information.

The non-profit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Faux Finishes: the Art of Decorative Painting and Architectural Sketching on Sat. March 30. The next scheduled weekend classes will be What You Need To Know Before You Rebuild Or Remodel and Decoding the Building Codes: Getting It Right the First Time on Sat. April 13. For information about weekday classes or to register for classes call 525-

7610.

Piedmont Adult School presents Realtor Terry Kulka's classes Thinking of Selling Your Home? Sat. March 30, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The session will cover how to begin looking for a home, the decision to work with a realty agent or on your own as well as an update on consumer protection laws that pertain to real estate transactions. To register call 420-3655.

Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage presents a free Real Estate Financing Workshop, Sat. March 30, 10 a.m. to noon at 1029 Solano Ave.

Learn how to minimize closing costs, the difference between MI and no MI loans and the choices involved in a loan with or without points. Topics will include lender guidelines and community assistance programs. Call 781-2134 for more information or to reserve your seat.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203k mortgage workshop Rehabilitate For Profit or Equity with a Proven Product, Tues., April 2, 7 to 9 p.m., 21060 Redwood Road, Suite 110, Castro Valley. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan product to purchase,

renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call 1-800-801-1320 ext. 240 for other times and locations.

Here comes Peter Cottontail! The Easter Bunny will make one of his limited Bay Area appearances on Wed., April 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Placer Title Co., 1955 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Stop by and have your picture taken. It's still not too late to enter the Coloring Contest — deadline for entries is Mon., April 1. Call Placer Title Co. at 339-1194 for more information.

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2920 Derby Street
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\$559,000

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Designed by the firm of John Hudson Thomas & George Plowman in 1910, this property features 4+BR, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, family room, study, huge attic, updated kitchen, dramatic living room & dining room, & a fully landscaped yard with play structure by Barbara Butler.

2737 BELROSE AVENUE..... OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4.....\$960,000
Grand 5+4/5 / . Claremont home w/pool, library Faye Keogh ext. 126

1166 GRIZZLY PEAK.....New Listing!.....OPEN SUNDAY 1-5.....\$850,000
Art deco estate! Large home on more than 1/3 acre. Pool, bay views, 4/4, family rm, rec rm, double office or studio. Bebe McRae ext. 145

TRUE ROMANCE IN CLAREMONT COURT.....\$699,000
Lovely 1915 Gutterston on wooded cul-de-sac. Striking architecture, elegant simplicity, private serene setting. 3+1/3. Faye Keogh ext. 126

GORGEOUS THOUSAND OAKS COLONIAL.....\$698,000
Light filled 4/3, in mint condition. Kitchen-fam rm, French doors, deck, garden, library, mst suite, impeccably restored. Anne Van Dyke ext. 142

NORTH BERKELEY CONTEMPORARY.....\$529,000
4+BR, 2.5BA architect designed home in private setting. Spectacular views. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124

30 HILL ROAD..... OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$525,000
Spectacular bay view home. 4BR, 4BA, & family room. Excellent condition, versatile floor plan. Leslie Avant ext. 122

CLAREMONT TUDOR.....\$465,000
Great neighborhood, sunny rooms, garden, deck, solar hot tub. 4+BR/3BA. Mary Montali ext. 132

3148 CLAREMONT AVENUE..... OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$335,000
Well maintained Claremont Traditional. 3BR/2BA. 1BR & 1BA on entry level. Close to everything! Kevin Donahue ext. 141

SPRING GARDEN IN BLOOM!.....\$315,000
Remodeled 3BR shingle in North Berkeley Hills. Jan Fougner ext. 138

OAKLAND



884 SUNNYHILLS ROAD, OAKLAND
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

Great new price! Pretty Crocker Highlands Traditional. Very spacious 2+BR, 1.5BA with updated kitchen and bath, and large, private garden \$329,000 TRISH MCNEANY ext. 125

CLAREMONT PINES.....\$1,275,000
Architect designed 1937 home with updating throughout! 4BR, 4.5BA, den, library, spectacular kitchen/family room! Lovely gardens! Bebe McRae ext. 145

5038 COCHRANE AVENUE..... OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30.....\$795,000
JUST LISTED! English country manor in Upper Rockridge, artfully recreated on its magnificent double lot by the office of Regan Bice Architects. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, cook's kitchen/family room, studio over garage. Gini Erck ext. 133

1007 SUNNYHILLS ROAD..... OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30.....\$599,000
JUST LISTED! French fairy tale magic in Crocker Highlands. Fine proportions and refined flourishes, gorgeous new kitchen/Great Room, large lovely garden, 3+ bedrooms, 3 baths. Gini Erck ext. 133

245 CROSS ROAD..... OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$439,000
4BR, 3BA two-story Medit in Upper Rockridge. Jan Fougner ext. 138

6400 MYSTIC AVENUE..... OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$425,000
NEW LISTING! Very charming traditional on Rockridge/Claremont border. 4BR, 2+BA. Immaculate. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124

5681 OAK GROVE AVENUE.....\$389,000
Remodeled Craftsman in heart of Rockridge on large, level lot. Wonderful master suite, lots of wood. Jan Fougner ext. 138

CHARMING GLENVIEW TUDOR.....\$157,500
2/1, wood trim, hwd flrs, nice floor plan, + spc. A. Van Dyke ext. 142

CLOSE TO PIEDMONT AVENUE.....\$152,000
Darling 1BR home. Remodeled kitchen. Move in! L. Easterday ext. 134

ALBANY

CLASSIC ALBANY.....\$390,000
Rare 4BR, 2BA home on quiet street. New kitchen, 2nd floor addition. Mint condition. Faye Keogh ext. 126

LOTS

2 PALOMARES COURT, Lafayette.....\$275,000
Wonderful potential, could be subdivided. Includes swimming pool. Well priced and ready. Bebe McRae ext. 145

22 KERR AVENUE, Kensington.....\$95,000
Gentle downslope above the Monastery. Level access. Bay views through pines. Soils report, survey available. Bebe McRae ext. 145

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4BR, 3BA, formal dining, family room, 2 car attached garage, BAY VIEW! Security system, wet bar. #W36387 Carla Dellazoppa 510-222-4005

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QUALITY CUSTOM HOME / BAY VIEWS.....\$795,000
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ALBANY

SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN / HEART OF ALBANY.....\$299,500
Drive by & see 919 Santa Fe / call to see inside. 3BR plus loft, 2BA, remodeled kitchen, 2-car garage. #W35984 Chris Christopher 510-254-1742

BAY VIEW / REMODEL.....\$389,950
3BR, 2 tiled BA, over 1850 sq ft, den, elegant living rm, formal dining, breakfast rm, garage, park-like yard. #905 Carolyn Dopp (510) 223-6700

KENSINGTON

HOME AND COTTAGE / SPECTACULAR VIEWS!!.....\$325,000
2BR, 1BA home PLUS rental cottage. Hardwood floors, woody setting. #W35258 John Anderson 510-237-8842

PRESTIGIOUS LOCATION.....\$320,000
3BR, 1 full and 2 half baths. Over 2000 sq ft, bay view! 2 car attached gar, basement, new int, paint. #W36218 Michele Manzzone 510-222-2644

RICHMOND ANNEX / NORTH AND EAST

PROBATE SALE.....\$127,500
Near Civic Ctr, 2BR, 1+BA, 2-car gar, rdm pink flrs, 1427 sq ft. MacGregor, seller will do repairs! FHA, VA. #W36357 David K. (510) 758-2323

OOZES WITH CHARM!!.....\$135,000
2BR, 1BA, refinished hardwood thru-out, updated electrical, newer roof, new paint, att gar, lovely fenced yard. #W36092 Gen Stern 510-234-7808

Long ago ... and far away

Number 138 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

When I was growing up, two older ladies lived next door to us, sisters named Olive and Ruby. Like my parents the sisters were avid gardeners, and their deep yard, terraced with brick walls, was resplendent with well-tended camellias and rhododendrons.

I loved visiting Olive and Ruby's house. It seemed rich to me, plush, full of mahogany furniture and thick carpets, everything neat and clean.

Not long ago this house was for sale and I went back to see it. In the sheltered entry had been a fish pond with fat goldfish swimming among water lily pads. Around the moist edge were ferns and a soft mat of baby tears. I found the pond dried up, filled with leaves and dirt, and the fish and plants gone.

As soon as I went into the living room, I remembered it with a flowered carpet, brass fireplace tools and screen, a covered candy dish on the coffee table, several upholstered chairs.

The house was empty now and looked shabby, the floors dull, bare and badly scratched. The twin beds with their matching quilted bedspreads were gone too, of course, as was the skirted dressing table where cut glass perfume bottles had been displayed.

The garden out back was just dirt and weeds; no plants left at all. I stood at the fence where my parents used to talk to neighbors and I could see the sycamore tree, much taller now, but I saw none of the roses that had been planted nearby; I was sorry I had gone there.

Then I started thinking that it was interesting how well I had remembered. I must have liked how Ruby and Olive lived very much. At a young age I had been sufficiently interested to take in quite a lot of the detail of the house and garden, and to hold it dear.

Something like that experience happened to me again this week. I dreamed that I was in my grandparents' house. Everything in the house was so neat and clean and repaired. That was what struck me. Not fancy, but serenely under control. Dishes washed and put away, nothing out of place, everything painted, dusted, vacuumed and nice.

My grandmother's white linen tablecloth was on the dining room table. She was, I suppose, about to set the silverware for Sunday dinner. She would put the food on the table when we heard a nearby whistle blow at noon. Probably she had fixed chops and potatoes and coleslaw, the cabbage finely chopped by hand in a wooden



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bowl.

I hadn't thought about that house or those meals for a long time; but, now in the dream, I walked around and looked carefully, remembering what had hung on the walls, where the telephone sat on a small table at the end of the couch, saw my grandmother's shiny pink comforter and the roll-away bed at the foot set up for my visit.

Outside along three sides of the house is a wide lawn — solid green, no brown patches — all neatly edged and trimmed; on the fourth side, the gravel driveway is bordered by a pink climbing rose.

The rose is pruned and sprayed as it should be, tied up with strips of cloth to a white trellis. No weeds are in the flower beds or among my grandfather's vegetables. Plants are staked and round basins of dirt have been formed to hold water and manure "tea."

It feels good to be at this house, where everyone seems to know his job and to do it without com-

plaint. All parts of this household run smoothly, quietly. At age seven or eight or nine, I am happy to do what I am supposed to do: eat my green beans, go to bed when told, sit contentedly at the kitchen table with my grandpa in the evening while he listens to the basketball game on the radio.

For days my dream let's me savor these houses and these people. It occurs to me that it is no wonder that I am the kind of person who is always picking up or putting away, washing or preparing to wash windows, the floors, the bathtub. No wonder that I am always expecting to make my house become clean and pretty and orderly.

Not that I've found it to be possible. Life and children and my job interfere. It's probably easier to keep up with a house and garden if you're retired. Ruby and Olive and my grandparents didn't have kids at home, didn't have a job to go to.

And maybe I don't remember right. Maybe sometimes the dishes were stacked in the sink, pruning done late or not at all, walls wiped down but painting left for another year. That's got to be true. In fact I'll bet that everyone everywhere has a list of stuff they haven't gotten around to doing, my memories to the contrary.

Thanks to all of you who called us last Sat. during Available Talk. We greatly enjoyed hearing from you. If you were unable to get through, call us during the week at 653-2050. Amy Siroki, our friend

'It feels good to be at this house, where everyone seems to know his job and to do it without complaint. All parts of this household run smoothly and quietly.'

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"The Recycling Department is involved because it's a way to support local recycling businesses while helping people reduce waste," said Tania Levy, City Recycle Analyst. "Those of us who have produced have already been using the 5-year-old son traded his old videos for Ninja Turtles (and) buy toys with his allowance." Renting a lawn mower this year from the Berkeley tool library? Judy Lieberman, Recycling Coordinator for Albany, bought the most new commuter bike for gain price.

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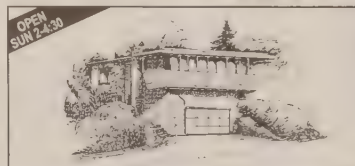
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DREAM NO MORE, GLENVIEW CHARMER \$239,000

This traditional home is a must for the buyer looking for a park-like setting with deck overlooking the garden. 3BR, 1+BA, formal dining room, newer kitchen, attached garage

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD



WONDERFUL STARTER WITH VIEW \$199,000

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OPEN SUN. 2-4:30pm 1061 Hubert Rd. Wonderful Crocker Highlands. Lovely living from the well designed deck to a magnificent kitchen, to a cozy library w/paneled walls on choice street. EDITH MARCUS 339-9281

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OPEN SUN. 2-4:30pm, 6655 Moore Dr. 3BR, 2BA, family room same level! Two fireplaces, double garage, patio on excellent lot among the pines. KEN FERRELL 814-9036

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Oakland Hills 1/3 acre laden w/fruit trees. 3BR, 2BA, family room, separate dining room, living room vaulted beam ceiling & fireplace. Price includes separate parcel with 1 bedroom home HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

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Top of Redwood Heights. Magical 3 bedroom suite, patio/deck off kitchen. Very private. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

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3BR, 1.5BA trad in Oakmore neighborhood. Sunny, terraced backyard w/beautiful garden & fruit trees. Plank hwd flrs, FDR, remod kitchen, just reduced \$15K. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

STUNNING BAY AND BRIDGE VIEWS\$255,000
Dramatic views from charming traditional rooms & large level lot make this 3BR, 1.5BA in prime Upper Laurel area truly a unique property. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

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3BR, 2BA in Crocker Highlands, newer kitchen leads to sun porch, gorgeous back yard, w/terraced decks, earthquake retrofitted. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

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Private Tahoe views enhance this very special 3 bedroom home lovingly cared for by original owner. Large level yard, with creek. Truly delightful. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

MONTCLAIR VIEW HOME!\$249,000
2 bedroom house on level lot. Fruit trees, deck, spa, fireplace, workshop, view! VICTOR FIERRO 339-8400

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Come see for yourself on Sunday 2-4:30. 4000 Laguna. This 3BR, well maintained sunny home w/2-car detached garage Great yard & huge family room. JAN NEFF 339-8400

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Charm galore, built-ins, hardwood floors, large level out yard. Pristine condition. All appliances stay. Move right in-you won't want to do a thing. A must see. CAROLYNN HARTLEY 272-9030

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Imagine a classic Craftsman on a double lot w/lot of trees, flowers & view, spacious rooms, gourmet kitchen, private yard, ample storage, city close & country quiet. ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

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Maxwell Park 3+ bedrooms w/vistas from each room. FDR, family style kitchen, separate in-law w/bed, bath, kitchen and own entrance. Halcyon backyard w/bay view, BBQ. SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

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Events...

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Kathleen Crandall of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, Inc. teams up with Mike Woodridge and Kai Matsuda of WebRangers Online Design to present the free seminar **Marketing Your Home On The Internet**, Wed. April 10 at 2077

Mountain Blvd. Brokers, home buyers and sellers will benefit from learning how the World Wide Web works. Find out about the latest Internet technologies that can be useful in marketing a home. All levels and abilities welcome. Reservations are required.

Call Kathleen at Mason-McDuffie 869-4214 for information and reservations.

The California Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society presents its annual **Rhododendron Show and Sale**, Sat. April 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sun. April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park.

The judged show will feature

hundreds of flower trusses with a wide variety of species and hybrids, as well as foliage selections which reflect the great diversity of the color, texture and size of rhododendron leaves. A garden display will demonstrate the use of rhododendrons with companion plants. The plant sale will offer old favorites as well as rare species. For more information call (415) 348-1797.

Petersen of McCauley ERA, Joe Serrano of Homes by Design and Ernst Held of Affiliated Brokers. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell properties using this loan product. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at 528-0767 ext. 17.

Le Tip International, a organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

The Bay Area chapter of the **National Association of the Remodeling Industry**, holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Wed. of every month at 6 p.m. at Showplace Square, 2 Henry Adams Street in San Francisco. Call (415) 255-6463

for more information.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the **Latin American Library**, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

If you're interested in joining the **Phantom of the Opera fan club** or want to receive their newsletter, call Alison Trammell at 682-4793.

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Astounding recently built hm by Barbara Armstrong. Exquisite entry stairway, designer kit, 4/3+ & office. K. CALLAHAN
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- 5951 CHELTON DRIVE** **NEW PRICE \$525,000**
Rustic, elegant country home w/unbelievable kitchen & master bath. 3 fireplaces. Very private setting. KATHY COOPER
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Stunning Mediterranean with gorgeous detailing, remodeled kitchen and landscaped garden. 4/3. ANIAN TUNNEY
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4076 WATERHOUSE RD

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Charming English Tudor w/gracious living/formal dining. Sep breakfast rm. 3/1.5+ lrg. rumpus or hrm off. CONNIE ROGERS

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\$295,000
Light, bright Montclair home with 3+1/2 and sep. studio/office. Huge deck and forest views. Very private. JOHN KARNAY

5850 BROADWAY

NEW PRICE \$289,000
4 bdrm/2 baths w/legal sep. unit below. Large rooms and hardwood floors. Gumwood and built-ins. JUDY RANKANKAN

6638 SARONI DRIVE

\$275,000
Close to Montclair Village. 3/3, 2 decks & large garden. Rec room w/private deck. Bay views. JUDY RANKANKAN

1121 GLENDORA AVENUE

\$269,000
Charming duplex. 2/1 + 1/1. Modern kitchen w/access to lrg deck. Close to shops, rest. & trans. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

1072 GLENDORA AVE

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$249,000
Immaculate traditional on quiet, tree-lined st. Walk to shops & restaurants. 2/1, family rm & level yard. SUSANNE PAUL

6222 DOVER STREET

\$175,000
Beautiful Craftsman with formal dining room & remodeled kitchen. Hrdwd firs, built-ins & garden. 2/1. KAREN STARR

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- 681 ALVARADO ROAD** **CLAREMONT \$925,000**
An eye for detail. Remodeled to perfection to cherish the old but to give you every modern convenience. Enjoy SF views & exquisite landscaped grnds 5/4.5+ family rm & off. S. PAUL

15 HILLCREST COURT

CLAREMONT \$749,500
Gorgeous level property. Sunny classic home w/formal dining, a handsome library & 4 sunny bdrms. Original details. Craftsman

927 CRESTON ROAD

\$365,000
Charming brown shingle w/garden. Living rm w/beamed ceilings & fireplace. 3/3 including 2 suites. BETTINA BALESTRIERI

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- 28 LONGRIDGE ROAD** **\$375,000**
Totally renovated Brown Shingle Contemporary. Open, airy vaulted ceilings, French doors and wonderful vistas. Easy living. Three bedrooms, three baths and family room. Close to Orinda Village and BART. NANCY ROTHMAN

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By Appointment

- PIEDMONT ESTATE** \$2,450,000
Exquisite residence w/elegant dining room, gourmet kitchen & large formal living rm. Gorgeous entertaining. ANIAN TUNNEY
- PIEDMONT-SPECTACULAR** \$2,350,000
Exquisite condition. A wonderful kitchen/family room with fireplace, library and gorgeous gardens. JEANETTE ROACH
- JOHN HUDSON THOMAS DESIGN** \$1,725,000
Private setting. Romantic living & sumptuous formal dining creates a warm & intimate atmosphere. MARION SCHWARTZ
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Gorgeous Georgian in the heart of Piedmont with elegant formal living/dining and spacious library. Sunny breakfast rm & study w/wet bar. MARION SCHWARTZ

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\$725,000
Golden Gate and bay views, family room and sun room. 4 bedrooms/2.5 baths & level garden. Sunny and spacious. KATHERINE COOPER

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\$539,000
4 bdrm/2.5 bath traditional in pristine condition with private & level garden. Playroom & plus room. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

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Charming, well-designed 3 bedroom home w/2 offices & play room. Custom remodeled kitchen & baths. MARION SCHWARTZ

CHARMING ENGLISH

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$375,000
Located close to Central Piedmont. 3/1.5 w/hardw firs, fireplace in living rm & sep. dining rm. Eat-in kit. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

OAKLAND

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- MILLER-WARNEKE RETREAT** \$479,500
Fantastic neighborhood. 4/3.5. Level home with beautiful park-like gardens & sunny brick courtyard. M. SCHWARTZ
- TWO BRIDGE VIEW** \$424,000
Elegant townhouse with many extras. Incl. elevator, library, spacious level patio and garden. 3/2.5. ELIZABETH DICKSON
- STYLE AND SOPHISTICATION** \$399,000
Remodel w/quality & style. 3+1/3, living room & den w/fireplace. Decks, patio & garden w/gazebo. ANGELA WEI GRUBB
- ELEGANT IN-LAW** \$375,000
Beautiful level property. Sunny secluded patio. Terrific family home. Four bedrooms/three baths. JEAN SIMMONS
- PENTHOUSE** \$349,000
Possible lease on lease option. Exquisite penthouse. Breathtaking views. Outdoor living. ANIAN TUNNEY
- PARK-LIKE SETTING** \$349,000
Artistic country home. Formal dining overlooking private courtyard, remodeled kit. & family rm. 3/2. SANDRA VOGL

GREAT VALUE

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Contemporary. 7 years old! Gourmet kitchen and soaring ceilings. Priced to sell! JUDY RANKANKAN

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Charming Montclair Traditional w/level garden entry & expansive sunny vistas. 3 bdrms/2 full baths. D. GRUBB JR

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\$249,000
Spacious Montclair home in quiet peaceful area. Sunny kitchen & cozy family rm. 3 comfortable bdrms. SANDRA VOGL

WALK TO PIEDMONT AVE

NEW EXCLUSIVE \$229,000
Charming! New kitchen & bath. 2 bedrooms & bright sunporch. Great location. Very comfortable. DEBRA DRYDEN

VIEW OF THE LAKE

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Elegant condominium in landmark building. Spacious, formal & exquisite. Panoramic views & valet parking. SUSANNE PAUL

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PIEDMONT CHARM & VALUE! \$399,000
Lovely 3BR Spanish Med with family room, formal dining, hrdwd floors & eat-in kitchen. detached studio/office, level yard & deck! Walk to schools K thru 12! CATHY MOULTON 428-0900, 644-5480

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Central location, convenient home with gracious rooms, kitchen-family room & master BR open to deck, formal DR, 2BA, no steps in and out! Move in condition. CAROLINE PETERS 428-0900, 547-1722

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Charming 3BR, 1.5BA is in need of a fairy godmother. All major work completed, cosmetics called for. Great yard. G. MILLIRON 339-9290, 869-4233

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Click your heels together & move in to this Montclair location. New carpets, appliances, roof & more. B. BOZE 339-9290, 869-4216

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Live in one and rent others! Central location! (4) 1BR/1BA units in good rental area! Separate meters B. KLEIN/J. ROBINSON 428-0900

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Fabulous bay view, huge deck, marina, gym, close to BART & airport. Great home for busy person who seeks privacy & fun! 3BR, 2BA, walk to restaurants nearby. MARLENE DANIELS 428-0900

MINUTES TO GOLF COURSE! \$197,500
Wonderful one-level home with spectacular view; parklands near. For internet viewing, see: <http://www.m-mcd.com/kmc>. Great buy! K. CRANDALL 339-9290, 869-4214

WHAT ABOUT A WRAP \$189,900
Seller eager to sell this large West Oakland duplex. Seller will carry down payment. 3BR up, 3BR, 1.5BA down. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

CHARM, PRIVACY & LOCATION! \$188,900
Bright, nice details. 2BA, formal DR. Oak floors, pretty deck/yard. Extra workshop/studio. Pluses. P. MITCHELL 339-8888, 869-4234

VICTORIAN FIXER? \$179,000
Built in 1897, this huge home features 5BR, gorgeous architectural details - leaded glass windows, paneled dining room with built-ins, parquet floors. MARY HANNA 428-0900, 644-5432

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Move in to this 3BR spacious home. Large flat lot, detached garage with workshop. V. MORAN 339-9290, 869-4236

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Sunny & bright! New carpet, new paint! Walk to lake, Grand Ave. & Lakeshore shops & restaurants! Extremely well-maintained bldg! Large balcony! All appliances! LORRI ARAZI 849-3711, 287-8858

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Great unit in great Adams Point building. 1BR/1BA. \$3000 down + \$500/month = ownership (incl. HOA!). CHITRA 834-2010, 286-7612

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CLASSIC TRADITIONAL HOME \$750,000
Discover this 4+BR, 3+BA home nestled in superlative North Berkeley location. Many upgrades - includes membership in private 2 acre park JACOB FRANTZ 849-3711, 466-5539

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7 units, (1) 3BR house, (4) 2BR units & (2) 1BR units. Laundry on premises, lots of storage & a huge lot. In West Berkeley. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

NEW LISTING! \$315,000
Gracious 2BR, 2BA ranch style home on lovely 1/3 acre site overlooking Tilden Park! Private drive - serene setting! CAROL JEKABSON 849-3711, 527-3494

MAJOR FIXER! \$179,000
Classic Berkeley craftsman with all the trimmings! 2+BR, 1+BA. Wonderful big yard - good neighborhood! CHITRA 834-2010, 286-7612

1907 CRAFTSMAN CUTIE \$174,950
First time on market, this shingle style bungalow could be a 2BR by finishing the upstairs. Situated on 2 lots - expansion potential or large garden. KATHLEEN DUBOIS 526-5143

WEST COUNTY

IMMACULATE HOME IN MARINA \$249,000
Bay/Breakers. This home is 4+ years young, has 3BR, 2.5BA, cozy fireplace in large living rm. Landscaped, community pool/spa, security gated, park & bay front hiking & biking! MIKE GOODMAN 526-5143

BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED! \$140,000
This 2+BR, 2BA, 2-story unit has a lot of architectural interest. Vaulted ceiling with loft & walkway overlooking living room with fireplace. Lots of upgrades, ceramic tile. LYNNE HAGEMAN 527-9800, 869-4471

CONSIDER WHAT COULD BE! \$32,000
This 2BR house needs a lot of work but it is close to new Kaiser hospital, new shopping center & public transportation. Seller motivated. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

LOTS FOR SALE

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME \$99,000
Desirable Rockridge location with views of Mt. Tam. Extra large lot with level building site. Survey & soils reports available. LOIS KADOSH 849-3711, 287-9186

BUILDABLE LOT WITH POTENTIAL! \$28,000
In one of West Oakland's up & coming areas. This lot is across from new live-work units, close to BART & new freeway entrance. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

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Rates down

In its latest Primary Mortgage Market Survey released Thurs., March 21, 1996 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgage fell just two basis points from last week's 7.83 percent to 7.81 percent.

The rate one year ago was 8.40 percent.

Rates on the 15-year fixed rate mortgage, a popular option in the refinance market, averaged 7.32 percent, unchanged from last week.

This loan averaged 7.97 percent this time last year.

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Mulch: a really SMaRT move

Gardening is fun, but it may become a burden when water bills soar and you find yourself on hands and knees digging out a massive weed invasion.

Jim Hanson, professional landscaper and sole proprietor of Ecoscapes, points to Davis Street SMaRT mulch as the answer to such gardener's woes.

"Mulch can smother weeds, save water and, unlike rocks and redwood chips, it improves the soil," he explained. Hanson uses only mulch made from recycled yard trimmings, like the kind sold at the Davis Street SMaRT Recycling Center in San Leandro.

"This product is better than gravel mulch because it doesn't require tedious leaf removal and it breaks down over time to improve the soil," adds Hanson.

Hanson is a regular customer at Davis Street where he "closes the loop." He drops off his yard trimmings to be recycled and then buys mulch and compost for use in his landscape work. Mulch and com-

post is available for purchase by the bag and by the yard.

Hanson has used Davis Street soil products for a number of local landscape projects. Dick and Ann Marshall now have a colorful, no-mow front yard. When the Marshalls contacted Hanson, they asked for a low-maintenance front garden.

They requested a design that reflected their interest in nature and required little weeding and watering, yet would still be colorful and attractive.

For the Marshalls, Hanson amended the sandy soil with compost to improve water retention and plant growth. Mulch was laid over a barrier of old newspaper to smother weeds until the shrubs

and flowering perennials matured and covered the ground. He included a drip watering system for further convenience.

Just a few miles from Dick and Ann's place, Cheryl Merchant enjoys the fruits of her raised tomato bed.

Merchant follows Hanson's advice and used bagged Davis Street mulch around her tomato and other garden plants to smother weeds and add nutrients to the soil. She also spreads bagged mulch in the winter to provide automatic soil improvement in the rainy season.

Mulch and compost are available by the bag or by the yard for a low price at the Davis Street SMaRT Recycling Center, 2615 Davis St., San Leandro. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

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NORTH OAKLAND 4-PLEX. Super immaculate. 4BD/2BA, 3BD/1BA, 1BD/1BA...\$308,000 studio/loft. \$40K Gtl. Nice local! Must see. Great for owner occupant. Frank Hennefer

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OAKMORE TUDOR. Fixer with potential in good neighborhood. 3BD/2BA...\$269,000 formal dining. Price reduced for "AS IS" sale. Wendy Callaghan

OUTSTANDING VALUE. Over 2100 sq ft with S.F. view. On private cul-de-sac...\$269,000 Lvl out to fenced garden. Huge LR, FDR, gorgeous kit, 3BD/2BA, 2 car garage. Noll Davis

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SMASHING! LAKE MERRITT AREA CONDO. Desirable bldg. 2BD, 2BA, hwd flrs, modern kitchen, tile baths, lake view, security bldg. Frank Hennefer

MAXWELL PARK 3BD, 2BA. Painted in and out, new carpet & linoleum...\$134,500 Spacious living room with open beam ceilings. Cheryl Gabriel

WALK TO PIEDMONT AVE. Large, sunny corner unit. 2BD, 2BA...\$127,900 dining area. Close to shops restaurants & transportation. Nancy Novick

BEST PRICE for a 2BD condo. Over 1,000 sq ft, sunny, separate dining...\$97,000 room, parquet floors, new kitchen counters. Good buy! Stan Hammond

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NEW LISTING! 1/2 acre + lot in Upper Rockledge. Contiguous...\$65,000 home also available. Peter Nicolopoulos

LENDER-OWNER SAYS SELL! One of 3 well located REO lots on Gunn Dr. in...\$49,950 Piedmont Pines. 1/2 block off Shepherd Canyon. Peter Nicolopoulos

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Cecilia Aragon

Maria joined Thornwall because she prefers to work in a friendly close-knit atmosphere that also has the professional support provided by a well run organization. She has been a real estate agent since 1986. Initially, Maria was responsible for auditing Pacific Bell procurement procedures. After taking early retirement, she decided to pursue a private career in Real Estate. She feels that every client presents a unique set of circumstances and requirements that need to be addressed, and she is dedicated to providing personalized service.

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WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

Selling by yourself

Part two of a three-part series.

In part one, I reviewed the initial stages of selling a home: pricing and marketing. Every stage can be a challenge to even experienced professionals. For someone outside of real estate, a lack of experience may result in some major errors, any of which could lead to a serious problem and, possibly, a lawsuit. In this article, I continue to examine the process.

Buying and selling

Do you know how to handle selling and buying at the same time, for either yourself or the buyer? The logistics can easily get out of hand. Should you accept an offer from a buyer contingent on the sale of his house? Sometimes this makes sense, sometimes it does not. Should you make an offer contingent on the

sale of your house? Most experienced agents advise sellers to find a buyer before offering on another home. What happens, however, if you sell first but have not found a replacement home for yourself?

Negotiating the contract

If a buyer with an agent wants to make an offer, he will have his agent prepare the contract. If he doesn't have an agent, he may do it himself, have his attorney do it, or ask you to help him put together the purchase contract.

At this point, some FSBs hire a real estate attorney. For protection, this could be a good idea, but the lawyer will probably bill between \$175 and \$250 per hour for his or her expertise. If you are already paying the buyer's agent a commission, you could end up spending more than if you had

simply signed up with a Realtor at the start. This is especially true if you add in advertising and other marketing expenses.

Hiring an attorney, however, may not help you prequalify the buyer. Before getting too far into the process, how can you be sure he really can afford your property? Can you compute how much cash the buyer will actually need to close escrow? What about the buyer's credit rating? Will he qualify for a home loan? These questions are rarely fully covered by attorneys.

Some buyers are uncomfortable about sharing personal information even with their agent, more so with the seller of a home they are negotiating to buy. One common mistake of sellers, upon learning the buyer's income and available cash, is to assume that just because a buyer can afford more than he is offering, the buyer will be comfortable with spending more. This is often not the case, particularly during these times of volatile housing price changes and corporate "downsizing."

How good are you at negotiating? My experience is that most people relish negotiating about as much as they enjoy an IRS audit.

When you are representing yourself in the sale of your property, emotions have a way of coloring responses. How will you feel about a low offer on your

home — much lower than you believe it is worth? Will you know how, when and by how much to counter the offer to maximize your chances of a positive response? What if the buyer takes his time responding? Should you chase him or let him come back to you?

What if the buyer not only offers low, but wants too many concessions — a laundry list of items he wants you to pay before or after close of escrow? How will you unemotionally analyze which items are justified and which are not?

Especially if you do not hire an attorney, you must fully understand your obligations and those of the buyer once a purchase contract has been accepted. The following are issues you will want to consider.

Contingencies and release clauses

How do contingencies/release clauses work? Contingencies are sometimes called "kickout" or "weasel" clauses, and can provide an escape from the contract. What contingencies do most buyers include in their contracts? What are the standard time limits for those contingencies? What do you do if they are not removed on time and/or in the proper manner? "Active removal" of a contingency means it must be removed in writing within a given time period; "passive removal" is automatic unless objected to in writing within the time limit. Do you know how active vs. passive removal of contingencies could effect you?

Blank check clauses

A blank check clause is one where you agree to pay for some-

thing without a stated limit. This could cost you dearly, and it is easier to fall into this trap than you may think. For example, the buyer asks you to give him a "roof clearance." How much will it cost? How do you limit your liability? Does "roof clearance" mean the same to the buyer as it means to you?

Selling your home twice

If there are competing offers, you may unwittingly sign two contracts where each buyer thinks he has bought your house. You may have thought you were selling to one and accepting a backup offer from the other. What contract language do you use to avoid this?

Section one and section two pest control

What are section one and section two pest control items? Under what circumstances can section two items sneak up and cost you big bucks? What are the benefits and risks of doing pest control work yourself? It is not unusual for sellers to overpay because they do not understand how to limit pest control in the contract.

Drainage

Do you have any mold, mildew or standing water under or around the house? If yes, there could be a drainage problem. Many homeowners ignore these "annoyances" and live with them for years. Drainage is another potentially expensive area. What will your position be regarding your responsibilities for this issue?

Permits

What about work done without

permit or not to code? Many people erroneously dismiss permits as just a technicality. This approach could be another financial miscalculation. Mishandling permit considerations could lead to problems with buyers, lenders, insurance companies and local authorities.

Conversions, sleeping rooms, in-laws

How do you deal with rooms that are not really bedrooms, but are used for sleeping? A garage which has been converted? A second kitchen or an "in-law" unit? These situations involve potential health, safety and legal hazards and have led to many unpleasant controversies between buyers and sellers.

Disclosures

State law mandates the seller of residential property, one to four units, unless exempt, to complete a "Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement." You may be able to describe things you have noticed, or modified, while living there, but what about work done on the property before you owned it? When you disclose that something does not work, are you required to make repairs? How is this related to specific contract language? What are your environmental hazards disclosure responsibilities, including lead paint? What about your earthquake disclosure responsibilities?

What are your responsibilities regarding the condition of the property and how is this tied into your disclosures and contract language?

Schools

Schools are significant to many buyers and are a component of value. What must you disclose regarding local schools?

Liquidated Damages

What is the Liquidated Damages Clause? Under what conditions is it to your benefit? How could it work against you? How would you collect any monies due you if the buyer defaults?

Mediation and arbitration

Do you know how to interpret the mediation and arbitration clauses in a contract? Do you understand how they differ? What are the pros and cons of this process vs. going to court?

Customary sellers closing costs

Which closing costs are customarily paid by the seller? Should you pay the additional costs the buyer is requesting? Raising the selling price to cover these additional costs may or may not work. Can you recognize the difference?

Possession

What if the buyer wants to move into your home before close of escrow? Conversely, what if you need to remain in the home after close of escrow? Do you understand the dangers of allowing a buyer to take possession before close of escrow? What paperwork should you use? What insurance, see DUNNING on page 26

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- 1 INDIAN GULCH, PIEDMONT - 6BD/5+BA.....\$1,795,000
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- 58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, PIEDMONT - 4+BD/3BA.....\$789,900
Lovely traditional, spacious rooms, beautiful gardens. Roselle Woods
- 33 PIEDMONT COURT, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3BA.....\$729,000
Elegant traditional in central location, family room, Martha Holstlaw
- 650 BLAIR AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$695,000
Exceptional Spanish, decorator perfect, lovely gardens. Georgia Cornell
- 34 LA SALLE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2BA.....\$629,000
All level, light & airy, new kitchen & baths. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750
- 101 DALE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....\$549,000
Two-story traditional, newer kitchen, large yard and deck. Francis Heath
- 10 BONITA AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/1+BA.....\$549,000
Charming craftsman style, chef's kit, great location. Dabi Fitzgerald
- 159 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA.....\$505,000
Lovely tree setting, family rm, new exterior paint, 2 decks. Pat Dedekind
- 10 BLAIR AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/2BA.....\$439,000
Centrally located Mediterranean, level out to sunny yard. Ann Nichols

OAKLAND / BERKELEY

- 5940 BUENA VISTA, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 5BD/3BA.....\$725,000
Dramatic new architect design. SF/IGG views, huge deck. Tom Anthony
- 888 MOUNTAIN BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$599,000
Ensuite new trad, family room, huge den, patio & yard. Vicki Woodhead
- 775 ALVARADO ROAD, OAKLAND - 4+BD/2BA.....\$459,000
Bay & hill views, remodeled kit, den, gorgeous garden. Donna Costella
- 1877 GRANDVIEW, HILLER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA.....\$369,500
Just reduced! Elegant end unit, SF/IGG views, sunny patio. Teri Carlisle
- 551 HADDON ROAD, HADDON HILL - 5BD/3+BA.....\$349,900
Stately trad, remodeled kitchen and master bath, large yard. Tom Wurst
- 501 PRESLEY WAY, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$349,000
Well kept trad, level yard, walk to BART and College Ave. Frances Heath
- 6550 MOORE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$339,000
Dramatic level-in contemp on corner lot, 2 master suites. Chuck Corwin
- 38535 GREENWOOD, CROCKER HIGHLDS - 4BD/2+BA.....\$329,000
New listing! 2-unit craftsman, family rm, Crocker School. Wendy Gardner
- 4071 OAKMORE ROAD, OAKMORE - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$329,000
Pristine Tudor, wooded setting, family rm, 2 decks, hot tub. Dick Cohen
- 6240 ALBURN AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1BA.....\$325,000
Very charming trad, beautiful details, walk to College Ave. Nancy Chew
- 1427 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/2BA.....\$299,500
Stylish and charming, updated kitchen and baths, level yard. Kathy Flynn
- 1857 MAGELLAN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$264,900
Private setting, updated kitchen/baths, walk to the Village. Joan House
- 4406 WHITTLE AVENUE, OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA.....\$259,000
Quiet retreat in convenient location, new paint inside & out. Dick Cohen
- 495 PEDESTRIAN WAY, ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/1BA.....\$239,000
Sunny craftsman in heart of Rockridge, modern kit, yard. Lee Jacobson
- 2644 ELLSWORTH STREET, BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA.....\$210,000
Victorian jewel, remodeled kitchen and bath, formal dining. Rich Gould
- 6623 SARONI DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA.....\$209,000
First open! Sunny bright traditional on large lot, bay view. Robyn Mohr
- 2207 TIFIN ROAD, OAKMORE - 2BD/1BA.....\$197,750
Adorable, bright, DR, eat-in kitchen, play room/art studio. Donna Costella
- 462 RICH STREET, TEMESCAL - 2BD/1BA.....\$189,000
Split level with lots of charm and lovely private garden. Sandi Klemmer
- 367 VERNON STREET #1, ADAMS POINT - 2BD/1BA.....\$165,000
New listing! Unique condo, landscaped courtyard, great cond. Dick Cohen
- 2726 MADELINE STREET, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....\$159,000
New listing! Sunny bungalow, updated kit, private yard. Vicki Woodhead
- 3101 HERRIOTT, MAXWELL PARK - 2BD/1BA.....\$129,000
Must see inside! Very cute house ready for new owners, yard. Joan Dark

BY APPOINTMENT

PIEDMONT

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lender and legal issues are tied to possession?

If you have successfully proceeded through pricing, marketing and negotiating the contract, you still have one final hurdle. In part three, I will detail the steps toward getting an escrow closed.

If you missed part one, call me for a copy. You may also call me for copies of any or all of my previous, related articles: *Protecting Sellers; How Important Is Permit?; Not Just Termites, parts One and Two; Check Drainage; Understanding The Market; Why Expires Expire; Read Contract Carefully; What Is A Bedroom?; Home Insurance Crisis; Sharing Information and Earthquake Country.*

Don Dunning is a 16-year real estate veteran and a Broker Associate with Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland. He can be reached at 531-7000, ext. 239.

THE TAX PRO



DENNIS KAMENSKY

One of the most overlooked tax write-offs involves being able to deduct all or part of your automobile expenses on your tax returns. If you are self-employed, or even a wage-earner, you may be able to deduct your car and lower your taxes. Personal mileage and the direct commute to and from your regular single job-site are not tax-deductible, but all other mileage may be.

That would include business mileage to see clients, pick up materials and supplies, going to a second job (or job-site) in the same day, plus any other mileage that is

Writing off your automobile

considered "necessary and ordinary" for your work or business. Even going to your tax preparer's office is tax-deductible. (I think that's why my clients always wanted me to open up a branch office in Hawaii.)

For example, a school teacher who takes classes in the evening, or goes to union and PTA meetings, can deduct all of that mileage. Even job-hunting (in the same profession) is tax-deductible. If you have two different jobs, going from one to another is tax-deductible. A secretary who is required to go to the post office, or pick up supplies, can deduct that extra mileage.

There are two methods to deducting auto expenses. The first is called the standard rate. For 1995 you simply get 30 cents per deductible mile. In other words you need to know how many miles you totally put on the vehicle and how many of those miles were for

business and job-related (other than the commute).

If you are a wage-earner then this deduction is taken on Form 2106 (Employee Business Expenses), and if you are self-employed it goes on the back of Schedule C (Profit and Loss Statement).

The other way of deducting auto expenses is called the actual method. In this method you can deduct all of the actual car expenses for the year, times the percentage of business use of the vehicle. These expenses would include the cost of gas, oil, repairs, maintenance, insurance, supplies, etc., plus being able to depreciate the cost of the car.

Obviously, using this method is much more involved than using the standard rate, and it also involves keeping more records and all your receipts.

But, particularly if you use your car more than one-half of the time

for business, you can get a much higher tax deduction.

Once again, you need to know the total miles put on that vehicle for the year, and the number of those miles that were for business.

Once you determine the percentage of business use, multiply that amount by all of the expenses you had for the vehicle for the year.

A passenger vehicle and light truck is depreciated over five years or longer.

Unfortunately, you can only deduct up to \$15,500 in cost over the first five years.

If you paid more than that amount you can deduct a percentage of the remaining cost each year past the first five years until it is totally deducted.

If you lease the vehicle rather than buy it you can write off the lease payments for the times its business usage.

In that way a luxury car lease can give you a much larger tax deduction than one that was purchased.

Whether you use the standard or the actual expenses, make sure you take full advantage of the tax laws to be able to deduct car expenses.

Dennis Kamensky is an accountant in Oakland. He has written a number of books and articles on taxes, including *Winning on Your Taxes, Women and Taxes, Hypertax*. He can be reached at tax questions or problems at 6001, or 339-9680 in the evenings.

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- 2646 CAMINO LENADA, Pied Pines 3bd/2+ba, hwdws, garden, patio \$389,000 The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
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- 6840 THORNHILL, 3bd/2+ba new home w/wooded canyon views \$379,000 Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174
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- 8 BOWLES PL, Crocker 3+bd/2ba Mediterranean \$375,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Millions 869-4233
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- 5290 BROADWAY TER #201, Rockridge best buy, 2/2, walk shops \$218,500 J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Wilcox 845-6021 X232 SUNDAY 2-4
- 367 VERNON ST #1, Adams Pt 2/1 unique condo, nw listing, country \$218,500 Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 3449 WILSON, Dimond, charming 2+bd/1ba tudor, country kitchen \$218,500 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 2776 MADELINE ST, Laurel 2bd/1ba sunny bungalow, nw listing, yd \$218,500 Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 3752 FRUITVALE, Walk to everything! cozy 2bd crtsm, bsmt, deck \$218,500 Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174
- 2256 RAMPART, 2bd starter, hwdws, sunny garden, incredible price \$218,500 Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000
- 3945 MIDVALE, Upr Laurel, 2bd/1ba, garden, move in!! \$218,500 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 5401 PRINCETON ST, Large 2+bd/1ba, remodeled, nr Mills College \$218,500 National Real Estate Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380
- 6176 LAIRD, 3bd/1+ba in mint condition! nice area \$218,500 Winters Realty, Ronda 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4



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DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.



Black spot or rust can ruin roses

Part two of four parts

If you are one of the many who did not pick the leaves off your roses when they were pruned and did not discard all those old rose leaves left on the ground, then your roses are now or soon to be contaminated with dreaded fungal diseases. Black spot or Rust or both will be appearing on the rose's foliage as soon as the air warms to the low to mid sixties.

Fungi are parasitic organisms. There are many that are beneficial to plants but Rust and Black Spot are not among them. As a result of reproduction, fungi form spores instead of seeds like the higher plants. Not one or two or even four spores, but thousands of minuscule spores that are easily carried afar by wind or water.

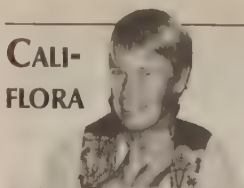
Black spot is carried by water and is usually spread by spores being splashed onto the rose foliage. It is important that you not sprinkle overhead water your roses. The

alternative to overhead is drip or just running the hose at the base of the plant. Even with correct watering techniques your roses are still susceptible due to the wonderful fog we get during the summer. The fog often supplies enough moisture to wash spores from the stems onto the foliage.

Once infected the leaf will exhibit circular black spots on its top. As the fungus grows yellow begins to show around the black spot. Eventually the entire leaf turns yellow and falls to the ground. It is possible with a severe infestation that the rose becomes quite defoliated. The leaves are the photosynthetic organs of the plant, so defoliation will stunt the plant, inhibit bloom and could cause death.

Rust is spread from last year's infected leaves by wind. This means that a neighbors uncared for roses could infect your well tended rose garden. Once the spore lands on foliage it needs moisture to infect.

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That means no over head watering, but unfortunately we still cannot eliminate the moisture from the fog of summer.

Rust affects older leaves, so it will first appear on leaves near the bottom of the plant. What you will see on the underside of the leaf is a circular red or orange spot that may appear fuzzy or fluffy. As the rust progresses it will grow through the leaf to the top surface where it appears as yellow to brown circles.

There are three flanks to attack for the control Rust and Black spot. After understanding how they are spread and how they reproduce there

are two cultural practices that should be followed. Pick off the leaves that are infected and dispose of them so the spores from those leaves cannot infect others. Get rid of all rose leaves during your winter pruning - that means leaves on the ground as well as on the rose. Third - use a fungicide at two week intervals and start the application before the diseases show up.

That means as soon as you have a couple of inches of new foliage.

I have used Funginex for the past couple of years. It is not important that you use the same, but that the fungicide lists Rust and Black spot of roses as fungi it will attack.

Alternatives to fungicides are few. Fungicidal soaps or a sulfur fungicide are reasonable alternatives for organic gardeners. You can control, but not eliminate the

twin fungal devils by practicing correct cultural practices. If your neighbor has a poorly kept rose garden you can offer them advice or how to maintain their roses or offer to do it for them. It may be time consuming, but it will help cut down on wind borne spores from their garden to yours.

For a good floral display backed by nice green unspotted leaves it is time to start attacking the minuscule spores that are just waiting to infect. Get out there and clean up those old leaves, start fungicide spraying at two week intervals and keep feeding that Rose Care every six weeks.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

Garden tour

The 10th annual "Secret Gardens of the East Bay" will take place Sun., April 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Sponsored by the Park Day School of Oakland, the tour features 11 privately owned gardens displaying examples of botanic diversity, color artistry and design innovation. Tickets are \$30; box lunches are available for an additional \$6.50.

On Saturday, April 27, local garden experts will conduct workshops in conjunction with the following day's tour. The workshops cost \$10 each or \$25 for all three. For tickets and workshop information, call Park Day School 653-0317.

Send news about local real estate professionals to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, 94619, or call 339-4047. The fax number is 339-4066.

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Mason-McDuffie, Andia Weyl 746-1949

1481 COOLIDGE, Price reduced! Super tidy 2/1 Laurel bungalow \$149,500
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000

1490 MORCOM, Maxwell Park 3bd/1ba Med, charm, nds cosmetics \$147,000
Mason-McDuffie, V. Landes 869-4225

1700 CANYON OAKS, UNIT C, Lovely 2/2 condo, frpl, patio, view \$139,900
Mason-McDuffie, Mavna Chess 834-2010

1801 WENTWORTH AVE, 2bd/1ba w/hdws frs, frml dining, nr Mills \$139,000
National Real Estate Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380

1876 65TH ST, Sunwashed remodeled bungalow w/blt-ins, yard \$139,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

2000 RAWSON, Maxwell Park charmer, 2bd w/ rm, hdws, bsmt \$129,900
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

2101 HERRIOTT, Maxwell PK cute 2bd/1ba, must see insidel yard \$129,000
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

2222 HOLLYWOOD, Glenview 1/1 condo, small bldg, lovely views \$127,500
Mason-McDuffie, B. Boze 869-4216

2400 OAKLAND AVE #202, 2bd/1+ba, large & light, small complex \$125,900
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 531-7010

2400 BAYO VISTA, Sunny condo near everything! \$86,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X131 SUNDAY 2-4

2400 MCSS #25, Bright and clean 1bd/1ba w/some upgrades \$52,900
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary McNeill 644-5444

2500 ELDORADO #304, New price! well appointed 1bd/1ba condo, top floor end unit. Slasky & Co. 525-8800

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111 VENTURA, Bright & sunny 3bd/1ba, short walk to Solano Ave \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, J. Renner 869-4243 SUNDAY 2-4:30

111 KEY ROUTE, New listing! elegant light-filled 2bd, big lot \$264,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Tracy Sichterman 242-2405 SUNDAY 2-4

111 HILLSIDE, 3bd/2+ba \$245,000
Coldwell Banker, Mahmood Maktari 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

111 DARTMOUTH, Beautiful '30's details, large 2bd, yard \$219,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Terese Ashman 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4

111 MADISON, Albany 2bd/1ba \$205,000
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

111 MILLER, Excellent in/out, Mediterranean, breathtaking view! \$949,500
Berkeley Hills Realty, Maya Trilling 525-3624 SUNDAY 2-4

111 ALVARADO RD, Claremont spectacular vw home, 6 1/4, office \$925,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

111 GRIZZLY PEAK, Art deco estate 4/4 w/pool, rec rm, dbl ofc \$850,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 1-5

111 BELROSE AVE, Claremont grand 5+bd/5 1/2ba, pool, library \$850,000
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 1:30-4

111 ARINGTON AV, 4bd/4ba, luxurious! garden setting, upgrades \$849,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Judith Glass 644-5495

111 FOREST LANE, Berkeley 6bd/3+ba \$770,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4

111 HILLCREST CT, Classic frplan, 4bd, library, FDR, wood detail \$749,500
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr, 339-0400

111 BUENA VISTA, Elegant 8 yr old, over 3600 sq.ft. \$698,500
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888 SUNDAY 2-4

111 DERBY ST, 4+bd/2 full baths + 2 half ba, study, fam rm, attic \$559,000
Templeton Company, Susie Schoville 652-2133 X144 SUNDAY 2-4

111 HILL ROAD, 4bd/4ba bay view home, versatile floor plan \$525,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4

111 SPRUCE, 3bd/3ba \$525,000
Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495

111 SAN DIEGO, Make offer! 4bd/4ba Colonial, View! \$499,500
Berkeley Hills Realty, Nancy Wilson 486-1382 SUNDAY 2-4

111 CLAREMONT CRES, Storybk Elmwood 3+3/4 trad, sep, ofc/studio \$499,000
Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

111 BUENA VISTA, 4bd/3ba traditional on dbl lot, sep, cottage \$479,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Anita Wilson 524-7531 SUNDAY 2-4

111 SPRUCE, Berkeley 5+bd/3ba \$465,000
Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495

111 SPRUCE, 4bd/2ba \$445,000
Coldwell Banker, Tina/Lydia 486-1495

111 FAIRLAWN, Dramatic, views, lovely atrium, family room \$415,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Gay Austin 527-4097 SUNDAY 2-4

111 SPRUCE, 3bd/2+ba \$389,500
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

111 BOYNTON, Warm & gracious 3bd/2+ba, den, sunroom, view \$375,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

111 CRESTON RD, Charming br shingle, prt gdn, 3/3, hdws, frpl \$365,000
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400

111 VISALIA, 3+bd/2ba, double lot, creek setting, views \$359,000
Red Oak Realty 524-2523 SUNDAY 2-4

111 SHATTUCK, Berkeley 3+bd/3ba \$339,900
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495

111 POPULAR, Berkeley 3+bd/2ba \$335,000
Coldwell Banker, Karen Rand 486-1495

3148 CLAREMONT AV, Well maintained trad'l, 3/2 +1/1 on entry M \$335,000
Templeton Company, Kevin Donahue 652-2133 X141 SUNDAY 2-4

577 SANTA BARBARA, Bay windowed 3bd/1 1/2ba, view \$299,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Terese Ashman 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4

942 THE ALAMEDA, 3bd/1ba \$279,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4

2389 HILGARD, 3bd/2+ba \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495

1310 CORNELL, No. Berkeley 2bd/1ba craftsman, nice area/price! \$249,000
Better Homes, J.R. Long 287-9592

3239 BAKER ST, Rental Income! 2+bd/1ba, plus 2bd/1ba cottage \$229,000
By Owner 428-0584 SUNDAY 12-4

2482 PRINCE ST, Elmwood 2+bd/1ba craftsman w/updates, garden \$224,000
Better Homes, Suzanne Linford 287-9575

2644 ELLSWORTH, 2bd/1ba Victorian jewell remodel kit/ba, frml DR \$210,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

1812 A&B 6TH ST, 1bd/2ba \$205,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 to \$219,000

2403 SACRAMENTO ST, 2bd Spanish style spl level, FDR, garage \$169,900
Martino Real Estate 523-9300 SUNDAY 2-4

2312 PRINCE #B, 1bd/1ba \$169,000
Coldwell Banker, Jerry Long 486-1495

1020 JONES, 2bd/1ba \$164,000
Coldwell Banker, Nacio Jan Brown 486-1495

2029 CHANNING, 2bd City Homes, new bldg, nr UC/BART/shops \$159,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 SUNDAY 2-4 to \$189,000

1404 HENRY #4, 1bd/1ba \$158,000
Coldwell Banker, Heidi Long 486-1495

1504 CARLETON #B, 1bd/1ba \$129,000
Coldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 486-1495

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

726 AVILA PL, 2bd/1ba, designer perfect, decks, yd, view, frpl \$239,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010 SUNDAY 2-4:30

743 ALBEMARLE, 2bd/1ba \$209,000
Coldwell Banker, Linda Goldman 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

1505 ELM ST, Charming 3bd/1 1/2ba split level, frml dining, hdws \$194,950
near BART. Locators Real Estate, Franca 232-0281 SUNDAY 2-4:30

18 WILDWOOD PLACE, El Cerrito 3bd/2 1/2ba \$184,000
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

837 ELM, Great 2+bd strater w/large yd, super location! \$169,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 SUNDAY 2-4

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

4323 ESSEX, Exceptionally well preserved 2/1 Victorian cottage \$165,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X119 SUNDAY 2-4

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

280 LEXINGTON, 5bd/2+ba \$449,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4

38 SUNSET, New listing, secluded creekside setting, dramatic! \$418,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Peter 524-1700 X13 SUNDAY 2-4

211 CAMBRIDGE, Elegant 3bd/2ba, view, landscaped, value! \$299,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Lor Mayer 763-5787

421 OCEAN VIEW, Kensington 2bd/1ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

263 AMHERST, Wonderful view, 2+bd/2b, grt yard, nr Youngs mkt \$233,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

ORINDA Open Sunday

28 LONGRIDGE RD, Totally renovated br shingle, 3/3, nr Village \$375,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400 SUNDAY 2-4:30

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

1 INDIAN GULCH, 6bd/5ba secluded, extensive gardens, pool \$1,795,000
Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460

191 ESTATES, English tudor, bay views, gardens, hot tub, 4 3/4 \$1,295,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

11 SCENIC AVE, Exquisite detail landscaped, FDR, library retreat \$998,500
The GRUBB Company, Bonnie Hirsch 339-0400

420 HAMPTON RD, Colonial, 4 3/4, fab detail, frml living, rumpus \$922,500
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

59 WILDWOOD GARDENS, 4+bd/3b trad, spacious rooms, gardens \$789,900
Pacific Union, Rosalie Woods 339-6460

3 SOTELO AV, Grt floor plan, lg LR, 2bd + den, 4ba, aupair, patio \$759,000
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174

64 BELLEVUE AVE, Incredible home/location/price! don't miss! \$739,000
The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400

33 PIEDMONT CT, 4bd/3ba elegant trad, central location, fam rm \$729,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

21 PARK WAY, Elegant 3-story trad, 5+ sunny bd, FDR, library \$699,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei 339-0400

650 BLAIR AVE, 3+bd/2+ba Spanish, deco perfect, gardens \$695,000
Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460

12 ALTA AVE, Formal dining, elegant kitchen w/bkfst rm, garden \$669,000
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400

34 LASALLE AVE, 3bd/2ba all level, light/airy, new kitchen/baths \$629,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 339-6460

180 MEXWELTON, Spacious, uniquely prt, flex fr plan, ofc, garden \$595,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

343 MAGNOLIA, Elegant trad, FDR, designer kitchen, priv. terrace \$564,500
The GRUBB Company, Stacy Ewing 339-0400

1119 WARFIELD AV, Exquisitely updated 4bd/3ba Mediterranean, \$564,000
granite chefs kitchen. Owner 832-1012, Will cooperate SUNDAY 2-5

101 DALE AVE, 2-story trad, 3bd/2+ba, newer kitchen, lg yd & eck \$549,000
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

10 BONITA AVE, 3+bd/1+ba charming craftsman, chefs kitchen \$549,000
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19 CALVERT CT, Immaculate 3bd/2ba, 1 level, fam rm opens to yd \$519,000
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Pacific Union, Pat Dedekian 339-6460

100 ESTATES DR, 3bd/2ba, office/aupair, view \$485,000
Mason-McDuffie, Hernan Luna 428-0900

1125 WARFIELD AVE, Pristine 4+2 craftsman, new kit, FDR, rumpus \$469,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karay 339-0400

10 BLAIR AVE, 3+bd/2ba centrally loc. Med, level-out to sunny yd \$439,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

1609 GRAND AVE, 3/2 trad, spl M, hdws, storage, prt, nw roof \$365,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

1405 GRAND AVE, 3bd/2ba, aupair, charm, convenient location \$339,000
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1063 RANLEIGH WY, 3bd/1ba, assume loan, grt kitchen, top schls \$329,000
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5506 SACRAMENTO, Richmond Annex 2bd/1ba delightful bungalow \$149,900
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324 COMMODORE, Just listed! stunning 2b/2+ba Cape Cod twnm \$147,500
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2872 LINCOLN, N&E, Beautiful spacious 3/2, family rm, fireplace \$144,950
Re/Max Bay Area 528-1200, Kathleen Kopsos 758-8010 SATURDAY 1:30-4

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

2717 LAKEVIEW DR, Bay-o-Vista 3bd/2b, FDR, bay vws, kit/fam rm \$379,000
Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 SUNDAY 2-4:30

210 BROADMOOR BL, 4bd/2+ba, remodel kitchen fam rm combo, FDR \$205,000
Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 SATURDAY 2-4:30

951 SAN JOSE ST, Estudillo Estates 3bd/1ba, frpl, FDR, garage \$178,500
Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 SATURDAY 2-4:30

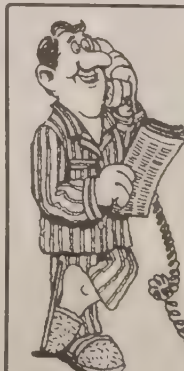
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City consultants produced this vision of a new look for Solano Avenue.

Residents plan new avenue

The Solano Avenue Work Program got off to a strong start with the first in a series of community workshops held on Jan. 28 at the Albany Library Community Center. A crowd of interested residents, merchants, property owners and Solano Avenue patrons filled the room, sharing their ideas about the present state of the public spaces on Solano Avenue and what should be done to these spaces to make Solano Avenue a thriving, community-serving business and pedestrian environment for the 21st century.

The introduction of the work program by the City's Community Development and Environmental Resources Department staff and a brief slide presentation set the tone for the lively discussion that followed. Maps of Solano Avenue were displayed on the walls for

members of the public to mark their likes and dislikes, destinations, landmarks, paths of travel, and general thoughts and suggestions about the avenue. The product of this exercise was a colorful myriad of comments related to street lighting, street trees, sidewalks, landscaping, street furniture and safety. Those in attendance also completed community questionnaires providing feedback about specific elements of the Solano Avenue streetscape.

The Solano Avenue Work Program includes the development of a capital improvement program that addresses needed infrastructure and safety improvements, and will allow the city to take an active role in preserving and enhancing the economic vitality and historic integrity of the avenue. Because the ambience of the avenue is linked equally

to the elements of both public space and private property, the work program will devote attention to both the public and private arenas. The work program will identify specific improvements needed to address public safety hazards, infrastructure deficiencies, and opportunities and constraints on Solano Avenue. Critical to the success of the work program is community input into the infrastructure planning and development process.

The next step in the process is a second Community Workshop that will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Library/Community Center. City staff will present the issues affecting the avenue public spaces identified at the recent community workshop. The workshop will build on the mapping and brainstorming exercises of the first. Participants will work with city staff to refine and clarify identified issues such as safety and public activity sites. Discussions will continue to identify opportunities and expectations for development of Solano Avenue.

Call the Community Development and Environmental Resources Department at 528-5760 for more information about the work program and community workshop schedule.

Free tax help offered

Free tax assistance is just a phone call or a few keystrokes away for California taxpayers. Taxpayers can either phone or access the Internet for help this year.

Answers to the most commonly asked state tax questions, information about your state refund, and tax forms for both state and federal are available through the F.A.S.T. (Fast Answers about State Taxes) telephone service. The F.A.S.T. number is 1-800-338-0505.

F.A.S.T. answers to tax questions are available 24 hours a day, while refund and tax forms are available 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

You can find more information about F.A.S.T. on the back cover of the state tax booklet.

For information and assistance not available through the F.A.S.T. telephone service, taxpayers can call Franchise Tax Board's regular toll-free phone service. The telephone service hours through April 15 are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. The number is 1-800-852-5711. The best time to call is before 10 a.m. and between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

California tax forms and general state tax information are on the Internet.

You can get 1994 and 1995 California income tax forms and publications and answers to the most asked state tax questions. Go to the California Home Page at <http://www.ca.gov> and access the California Franchise Tax Board under state servers.

There are few changes to this year's state income taxes. California indexed its income tax brackets by 2.3 percent. Indexing considers the inflation rate and adjusts the tax rates and certain credits to insure that taxpayers do not pay additional taxes year to year due solely to inflation. There are two new voluntary contribution funds. They are the California D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Fund and the California Military Museum Fund.

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About 20 students from Madera and Windrush schools joined members of the El Cerrito Garden Club March 14 to plant trees at Arlington Park in El Cerrito in observance of Arbor Day.

tronically filed returns will be mailed within seven days from the date the return is transmitted.

The FTB reminds taxpayers that the earlier a return is filed the quicker the refund is issued. Taxpayers who file in January/February

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205 Workshops & Classes

YOGA with Iyengar certified instructor. Monday 4:30-6 p.m. and Friday 6-7:30 p.m. Mind-Body Connection, 5255 College Ave., Oakland. Call 420-0444 or 655-2746

206 Found

ENVELOPE with contents. College Ave. 547-3451

GOLDEN lab puppy approximately 2 month old. Diamond/Fruitvale area. Purple collar. Megan 531-1391

STRING of Pearls/gold box. Corner of Alva near Elm, El Cerrito, March 16th. 235-8261.

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless kittens/cats. Assistance provided. Mar 510-444-3204

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TABBY, 1 1/2 year old spayed sweetheart needs new home with no other pets. Call 510-653-9177.

KING size chest bed, white, mattress also. Pick up, good condition. 674-4769.

208 Lost

CAT nurtured male. Short haired gray with curled right ear. March 17th, Blair/Hillside 654-0685

LOST dog reward, white & brown Maltese. Missing Piedmont/Broadway area. Please call 658-7833

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302 Childrens Schools & Camps

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406 Employment Wanted

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407 Employment Information

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408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED housekeeper and childcare for 10 year old girl, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 days; Monday, Thursday, Friday full day. Clean, excellent English. References. \$10/hour. 836-1520

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DRESSER, large, solid maple wood with mirror. 57-34-20", excellent condition; \$550 or best offer. 654-1935

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607 Miscellaneous Wanted

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for us in that field," she said.

The El Cerrito Garden Club is also well-known for the beautification projects it has sponsored all over the city. Spellman gave a quick summary of some of those projects.

The group's first project was enhancement of the entrance to Huber Park.

The community still benefits from that activity, though the second project turned out to be a temporary one.

The succulent study group planted a succulents area at Casa Cerrito; it was enjoyed for a time but no longer exists.

The landscaping of the Contra Costa Civic Theater has been a major, ongoing project for the club.

Originally, member and horticulturist Charlotte MacGregor, theater founder Bettian Flynn's father, and former city maintenance supervisor Bill Fernando provided expert guidance for the project.

Member Clara Roth now chairs that project as well as the upkeep of Moeser Lane.

The same group that maintains the theater also maintains its public parking lot, "working weekly, year-round," said Spellman.

Fernando and former community services manager Joel

Witherell, who also attended the party, guided the Moeser Lane project, which included planting the median and landscaping of

collar gardening," she said. (The technique involves gardening with as little watering as possible.)

'I believe we were leaders in the field of zero-scaping'

—GARDEN CLUB MEMBER DOREEN SPELLMAN

both sides of the street (on PG&E property).

Spellman noted that, since there was no water available, members used to carry water to the project in their cars.

"I believe we were leaders in the field of zero-scaping, of drop-

Member Mary Lynn Cox shared the club's success with the approach in an article, "Miracle on Moeser Lane," in Pacific Horticulture Magazine.

Other civic improvements made by the Garden Club include the establishment of the Memo-

rial Grove in 1985; for \$125, anyone can have a tree planted in a loved one's memory.

A Julian Court planting was another contribution. The city agreed to maintain that area, however, and the club believes it is not as well-kept as it might be.

In general, though, "it has been the cooperation of the city and the contributions of many of our members that have been the essential components in making these civic improvements," said Spellman.

The Garden Club budgets a certain amount for civic beautification each year; it also makes continuing contributions to a variety of environmental causes.

"Our club is not only interested in beautiful gardens; we're also about the environment," member Margaret Green.

Among the many organizations receiving donations from the club are the Audubon Canyon Club, the California Nature Conservancy, the Tilden and UC-Jepson Botanical Gardens, and the National Wildflower Society (a special, two-year project supported by all the national garden clubs).

The club also works with the San Francisco Bay Area Redwoods and the Bay Area Trail project.

A "Dimes for Pines" project. See GARDEN, page 35.

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by Karen Senzig

OK, OK, OK ... I was wrong. I thank you for all the calls and faxes to let me know that a bigger tire will make my speedometer think I am going slower than I actually am, which is not a good thing since I do race around trying not to be late for appointments. Wild Willie even tried to explain the dynamics so I would understand why I misunderstood before, but what the heck.

A couple of weeks ago, my sister Kathy was in town visiting from Southern California, where driving is considered a basic necessity and children grow up in car seats. Her eldest son recently turned 16 and got his license to drive, but he isn't driving. I couldn't believe it! Especially since she sent me the copy of the ad she had placed in their local newspaper *The Hi-Desert Star*, congratulating Micah on his birthday and warning the community that there was another teenage driver on the road.

"Oh no!" she told me. "I'm driving, but under our supervision." It seems that wasn't maintaining a B average in school, and according to Farmers Insurance group, students maintaining a B or better average make the most responsible drivers and if one of the largest insurance companies believes it so much that they give a good student discount, then the kid was not going to be a

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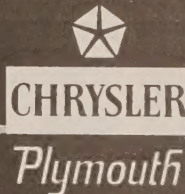
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Garden

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used to be "Penny Pines."

"At each meeting, everyone contributed a penny," said Green. "Now the penny isn't worth much of anything, so we each contribute a dime."

Together, the dimes join those from other clubs around the county and are donated to the U.S. Forest Service for the reforestation of burned out forest areas.

Old stamps are also saved to contribute to a Save the Eagle program.

Planting a tree on Arbor Day is another ongoing activity. Two weeks ago, about 20 kindergarten students from Windrush and

Madera schools helped club members plant a new tree at the Arlington Park.

Study groups help club members grow in one particular area of expertise. Currently, study groups are: Garden Arts and Crafts, led by Aldean Hom, which contributes table centerpieces for each meeting and unique Christmas decorations for the community center's tree; Horticultural Study, led by Green ("I've never seen such an interesting display of plants as I've seen in her garden," said presenter Sally McCleery); Flower Arrangement, led by Barbara Post, an expert arranger, according to McCleery (the group is now studying state garden club

materials on the art); Herbs, led by Freda Essex and Bernice Carnes. (The herbs study group often shares cooking, as well as

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'Our club is not only interested in beautiful gardens; we do care about the environment'

—GARDEN CLUB MEMBER MARGARET GREEN

gardening, advice, like "Try a little rosemary in your chicken.")

McCleery is in the Succulents group.

"It's a weird group — not of people, but of succulents," she

said. "Some are just beautiful; some are just plain unbelievable. I think I like the unbelievable ones the best."

The group exchanges samples of all the succulents they've discovered: "You just stick them in the ground, and they take off," said McCleery.

Member Julie Rogers described for members the newly estab-

lished garden contest honoring Sundar Shadi and his contributions to the beauty of the community.

Nominations for gardens visible from the street or sidewalk are now being accepted by the club for judging in April. (Send addresses to the club at P.O. Box 203, El Cerrito, CA 94530.)

A short conservation play written by member Barbara Post and performed by Catherine Frost and Diane Blaylock, "A Tree Grows in El Cerrito," rounded out the anniversary program. Brunch was provided by Audrea Miller, assisted by Elsie and Dan Uchimoto, Mary Neuirth, Ilse Diemont, Virginia Cullinane, Beth

Heckman, Margaret Jackle, Wilma West and Ruth Hughes.

Other planning committee included Lillian Glander, Norma Buffon, Betty Johnson and Ginny Summerer. Kay Riddell is the club's current president.

Along with Fernando, three other city officials attended the anniversary party: city manager Gary Pokorny, maintenance and engineering supervisor Mori Struve, and mayor Cathie Kosel.

Kosel thanked the group for "all the beautiful projects you do throughout the city to beautify it" and read two nature poems her father had shared with her as a young child, before cutting the 40th anniversary cake.

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unsupervised until his grades went up.

Another interesting thing that Farmers offer is their Y.E.S. (Youth, Education, and Safety) Program. This is a class for both the parents and the new driver explaining how the costs of

insurance are derived and impressing upon the young driver, the financial investment their addition to their parents policy will impact. I agree with the experts, that whenever possible, the young driver should pay at least a portion of that investment whether it is through additional odd jobs at home or a

portion of his allowance.

Parents who care. I believe that this is the most important factor when releasing new drivers on the road. Kathy and her husband Jim will continue coaching their son even after he makes the marks. Although it is true the teenagers have the best reflexes, parents have all the years of experience.

One last thought ...

If you have been following the Children's Easter Coloring Contest at Carnevale in Montclair, remember that you can also drop your children's entries off at Cochran & Celli/Connell Auto Center on Broadway in Oakland. Your little Rembrandt's

entry will be posted in the windows until judging time Good luck!

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Fee

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she said; the Tri-Valley area is considering \$2,800 for residential and \$6 per square foot for commercial.

Council members Norman La Force, Norma Jellison and Kosel all commented negatively on the comparative fees being considered by West County jurisdictions.

"I think it's shameful," said Jellison.

"It is a little embarrassing," Kosel said.

The council generally recommends a higher fee (\$1,000 was a suggested figure) in connection with a recommendation by Councilmember Jane Bartke (and strongly supported by councilmember Mae Ritz) that fees be "credited" and reduced when projects in themselves mitigate transportation impacts — like housing projects near BART stations, for example. There was some discussion, however, as to what kinds of projects actually do so.

Members of the El Cerrito City Council also feel strongly about how the monies raised will be spent by the transportation authority.

The projected revenue from the fees is expected to fall between \$8 million and \$10 million "over time." According to community development manager Gerry Raycraft, "if development in El Cerrito occurs as anticipated, approximately \$1 million would be generated" from that city alone.

Staff has recommended that \$2 million be set aside for an as-yet-unidentified "transit project," said Hogeboom, with the rest designated for completion of the Highway 4 West upgrading project.

Kosel responded, however, that she did not recall that WCCTAC had approved the \$2 million set-aside. She wants that

further discussed and would personally like to see it set higher.

"If you collect a fee to mitigate traffic impacts, you have to show a connection between what you're collecting and the project," she said, referring to a court decision requiring a "nexus" between the collection of a fee and the project(s) to be funded by the fee. For Kosel, the connection between El Cerrito and Highway 4 improvements is not clear.

"It seems like the whole thing should go to transit funding," she later said.

"If you said these revenues were designed just to fund the shortfall for Highway 4, I'd say, 'Not interested,'" said Jellison.

A consultant for WCCTAC has spent many months attempting to identify transit projects for possible funding, including the establishment of various "park-and-rides" at different locations.

Hogeboom did say that funds cannot be used to directly support transit operations (contributing to AC Transit's operations shortfall, for example).

Jellison believes some of the transit projects currently being considered in El Cerrito (such as a bike rack shelter at BART) should be considered as candidates for funding from the mitigation program.

Other jurisdictions are also currently considering WCCTAC's suggested fees. According to Hogeboom, the city of Hercules would like the residential unit fees higher, the commercial, lower. Hercules is currently expanding and hoping to draw business to the area. Because certain problems (toxic contamination, for example) are already financially impacting interested commercial developers, the Hercules city council would prefer not to tack on yet another fee.

WCCTAC has decided, however, that fees must be uniformly charged throughout West County.

Blotter

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Curtis Street and one parked on the 900 block of Ordway Street. There were no witnesses.

• On the afternoon of March 22 a 14-year-old Richmond boy approached a 12-year-old Albany boy, threatened him with bodily harm and demanded he give up his bike. The victim complied and the thief rode off with the bike. El Cerrito police spotted the thief and stopped him. He was positively identified by the victim, arrested and transported to juvenile hall.

• On the night of March 22 a Davis man reported that while

walking on the 600 block of Adams Street he was struck from behind and knocked to the ground by an unknown attacker who demanded the victim give up his wallet. The victim gave up the wallet and the thief fled the area.

• On the evening of March 23 Albany officers were notified by Merced Police that they had recovered a 1995 Honda Civic which had been reported stolen from Albany. It was not damaged and no one was in custody. The owner was notified.

• On the afternoon of March 24 Albany officers located a

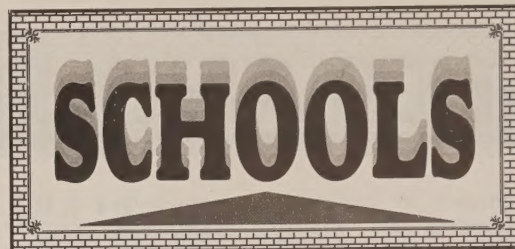
1988 Chevy Nova which had been reported as stolen from El Cerrito. The owner was notified and the car was towed.

• On the morning of March 24 Albany officers contacted a 12-year-old Albany boy who was carrying a BB handgun at Memorial Park. The weapon turned out to be a 77 Call BB gun. Officers transported the youth to the Albany station then released him to his mother.

• During the week of March 17 Albany officers fingerprinted three people at their request, towed four cars, responded to 14 false alarms, attended to two

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Time to stop the murders

Editor:

The sick and despicable killers who committed murderous and cowardly acts against innocent people in Israel over the recently have no place in civil societies. They must be stopped. Realization of peace between Arabs and Israelis is the only way to stop and deny these rejectionists their ignoble goal of more carnage. They are dedicated to foiling Arafat's authority, killing innocent civilians and putting the right-wing Israeli Likud Party back in power.

No one underestimates the excruciating pain of Israeli mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters who lost their loved ones to the weapons of hate, rejection and destruction. Nor can anyone minimize the Israeli government's anger, frustration and sense of obligation to protect its citizens. The question is, will more violence and revenge guarantee security for anyone?

The extremist army wing of the Hamas rejectionist movement are not all Palestinians. Lots of their financial support comes from countries and wealthy individuals in and outside the Middle East. The Palestinian authority and some Arab regimes are as much targets of this group as the Israelis. Countries like Iraq, Iran, Sudan and Libya have opposed the Arab-Israeli peace process publicly. It is reported that these countries and other wealthy fanatic groups finance the Hamas movement.

It is important to remember that it is not just Hamas that is adamantly against Arab-Israeli reconciliation. There are Israelis who are as deadly opposed to the peace process as Hamas. Israeli Prime Minister Rabin was gunned down by Israeli extremists who are opposed to peace with Arabs. Sadat of Egypt, who broke 40 years' cycle of violence between Arabs and Israelis, was gunned down by Egyptian enemies of peace.

The biggest prize that the extremists are seeking is the postponement, derailment or elimination of the peace process which has given Palestinians and Israelis so much hope. The enemies of Arab-Israeli reconciliation must not win. Peace is the only way.

Ali Hassan Alyami
Kensington

Wants Plaza needs addressed

Editor:

As an 11-year employee of the El Cerrito Plaza Emporium, naturally I was disappointed to hear of the store's closure. Until the closing announcement back in November, employees were optimistic about the site becoming a Macy's. Closing and selling the store site was the option the Federated Department Stores chose. I have lost a job I knew well, the camaraderie and teamwork of fellow workers, and the chance to work close to home. But I can find another job. The city has lost much more.

It is unfortunate that it took this heavy blow to the community to make the decision-makers wake up and take action on the retail/commercial health of the "South Gateway Area." They need to seek out and recruit the types of businesses that will thrive in a small neighborhood center like the Plaza.

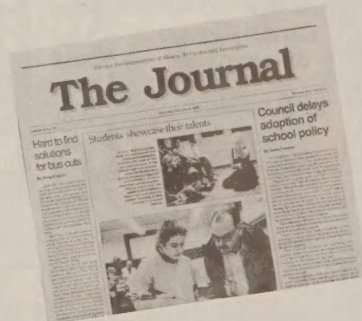
The Plaza has become a natural neighborhood gathering place and the nearby E.C. Plaza BART station is a natural transit hub. I am amazed that more businesses haven't found the Plaza location attractive, but perhaps they haven't had the incentive or encouragement that modern cities and property owners need to supply.

I hope the needs expressed by the community resulting from the March 11 town meeting (and future meetings) will be fairly considered by the consultants, developers, land owners, and public agencies involved

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